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## West County candidates on the campaign trail

**OWN FRASLEUR** — School board candidates Diana CERRITO — School board candidates Diana Harris-Pitts, Glen Price and Karen addressed the El Cerrito Democratic Club last night, presenting some of their goals for the Contra Costa Unified School District.

CERRITO made the shortest initial presentation. An active parent with two children in district schools (she also manages her husband's dental practice), she noted her election to the board during a time of when the district was bankrupt and without a superintendent. It was a time when it was necessary for the community to "take the district back."

Each of us is one-fifth of the board," she said, making a comment by Ortega. "It takes three ... votes to do anything on the board."

In her campaign handout, she listed a number of accomplishments by the board during her four years of service; returning the district to local control, hiring Herbert Cole (experienced in both finance and administration of a large multi-cultural district) as superintendent, increasing the district's revenue by \$5 million per year by passing an assessment tax, and reducing the impact of the debt load in several ways.

With the district "now on solid ground," she said, developing a strong educational program is a priority. She said she has "squeezed a small raise" out of the budget for teachers and staff, adopted an education and facilities plan, adopted a parent policy (developed by parents and staff) identifying parents' "rights and responsibilities" in interacting with the schools, adopted policies to reduce suspensions by 25 percent, closed

campuses to enhance safety, and worked to secure funding for four new schools.

Adrienne Harris-Pitts ran a close race in the last election. She's committed herself to reaching out into the community more intensely during this campaign.

Harris-Pitts said she is working toward a "new vision, a new direction and new access to education" and characterized the district's "delivery of education" and training of those who deliver it as "antiquated."

She accused the current board of being too wrapped up in financial concerns rather than working to help the district's students "improve and become (more) competitive."

Among her goals, Harris-Pitts listed improved

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## Rogers raises stakes in assembly race

By Will Harper

Just one year into his term as a supervisor in Contra Costa County, "People's Lawyer" Jim Rogers last week announced his candidacy for state Assembly.

Rogers joins four other East Bay Democrats in the electoral quest to succeed 20-year assemblyman Tom Bates, who is vacating his seat next year because of term limits.

Sources said Rogers' entry into the race raises the financial stakes in what was already predicted to be a costly campaign. Campaign sources, one who called Rogers "the Michael Huffington of the East Bay," previously estimated it would cost \$200,000 to \$300,000 to make a viable bid to win the March primary.

In 1988 Rogers bankrolled the campaign for Proposition 105, an anti-special interests initiative on the state ballot. He contributed more than \$300,000 to that campaign.

Last year, in one of Contra Costa's most expensive and nasty supervisor races, Rogers loaned his campaign more than \$200,000 to help defeat opponent Maria Viramontes.

Rogers said he decided to run for state Assembly and potentially vacate his supervisor seat because county government, which he described as a sinking ship, lacked the resources to provide an adequate level of services.

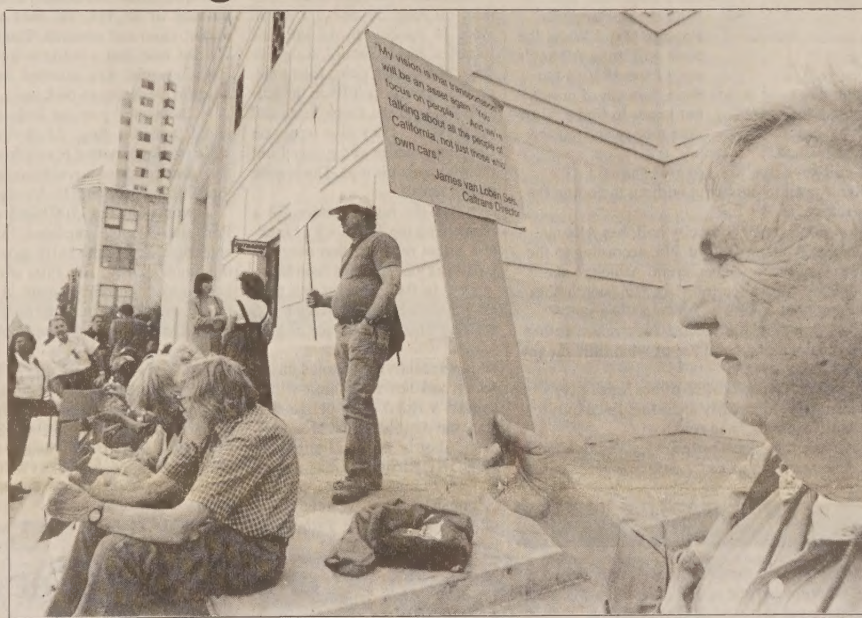
"One of the first things that became clear during our budget process was that we were really just re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic,"

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Jim Rogers

## Mounting frustration



Jeff Lindquist

El Cerrito resident Art Weber was one who attended last week's hearing at the Scottish Rite Temple.

## Protest against AC Transit cuts growing

By Ann Fields

OAKLAND - A recent AC Transit hearing on proposed bus service reductions and adjustments drew concerned representatives from the Gray Panthers, the Peralta Community College District, the Oakland Unified School District, the East Bay Center for the Blind and local businesses, plus bus drivers and bus riders.

In a seven-hour public hearing, more than 100 people spoke against proposed service cuts, citing safety factors, environmental and economic reasons, the inability to get to employment and

schools, and the negative effect on locations like the Oakland Airport, San Leandro's Bayfair and Richmond's Hilltop malls and shopping areas in Alameda.

Last week's hearing at the Scottish Rite Temple was one of the more than 40 community workshops and public hearings held in the East Bay as part of the district's attempt to solicit public input on the proposed changes and to inform the public of the severity of the problem.

District spokesman Mike Mills said staff will collate and assess all the data and present a specific action plan to the

board at its Sept. 13 meeting. At that time, he said, "the board will have to say yes or no to specific cuts."

As it stands, a proposed \$11 million budget cut would eliminate most services after 7 or 8 p.m. and overnight service after 10 p.m. Weekend service would be cut from 73 routes to 21 or 22 routes. The 67 routes with Sunday/holiday schedules would be cut in half.

The cuts, which the agency maintains are needed to close the gap between operating costs and projected revenue for June 30, will mean fewer bus lines, fewer buses on the lines that

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## Recycling thefts in the rise

**OWN FRASLEUR** — At 11 a.m. on Aug. 16 a Richmond man was arrested for removing recycled materials from the curbside in the 1000 block of Everett. Recycling center manager Becky Dowdakin and the El Cerrito Police Department would see such arrests take place often — with the goal of cutting down on the number of recycling thefts occurring.

According to Dowdakin, there are probably four such arrests last week. The total doesn't nearly match the number of thefts, however.

"We get several calls daily from residents who've had recycling stolen from their curbside," she said. "We recommend that residents put their recyclables for pickup in the morning rather than the night, but it doesn't always work."

Dowdakin said that an Arlington resident phoned just yesterday morning to report that he had been followed by a car. "I put the recycling out at 7:45 a.m., it was gone."

"A pile of old newspapers or a bag of empty soda cans may seem like much to worry about, but their theft represents a major problem for the city."

Thefts from curbside recycling are increasing everywhere, Dowdakin said.

"The newspaper theft has recently increased," she said. "There's always been some theft of aluminum, though that's not as bad as well."

See the extent of the problem See RECYCLE, page 12

## School district ponders construction plans

Ann Morgan

ALBANY — The monumental task of supervising major school construction projects to be completed over the next several years will likely be placed in the hands of an outside construction management firm.

School Board members last week agreed to appoint a selection committee to solicit and review proposals from firms willing to take on the job, which will include significant portions of the construction of a middle school, reconstruction/renovation at the high school and improvement projects district

While the cost of utilizing a construction management firm will likely run 6 to 7 percent of total project costs, district representatives said it appears to be the most cost effective alternative.

"If you just hire a general contractor to do the whole project he goes and gets his subcontractor and, when he submits costs, adds a touch on for himself. Having a construction manager you eliminate that extra amount of profit the general contractor puts on," School Boardmember Ed McManus said, noting that general contractors normally charge between 10 and 15 percent of total costs for their services.

Instead, the district would apparently have more control over its projects with a construction management firm responsible for all projects and working with the district's architect to break up work on a given project into multiple contracts. In the end sub-contractors work directly for the district rather than working for a general contractor.

Another benefit to using a management firm, according to staff, is that school programs will likely see



the least amount of disruption as a result.

"Particularly on projects like the high school, where you're going to have major projects going on while students are there," Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Stanley Maleski said, noting that parts of the renovation project can be split between contractors and work staggered.

The next step of finding a management firm will be left to the 7-

member selection committee approved by the board last week. As currently comprised, the committee includes McManus, Hudson, Maleski, Bill Ekern (Albany's director of community development and environmental resources), Allan Shrafman (director of maintenance and operations) and Donald Cushing (a civil-structural engineer who lives in Albany).

Resident Sally Outis, however,

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Construction of a new school at the former Hill Lumber site (above) will likely occupy much of the construction management firm's time.

## Resident fence standards reconsidered

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — A relaxation of fence requirements in El Cerrito is still in the works. The Planning Commission is continuing its review of a proposed ordinance that would permit front yard fences over 3 feet high but was not ready to make a decision at its Aug. 2 meeting.

The discussion of changes in fencing restrictions has been under consideration by staff, with the approval of the city council, for a number of months. According to city planner Ed Phillips, the commissioners are looking for more finely tuned criteria for approving such fences, along with some qualitative standards for fence design.

Front yard fences over 3 feet currently require a variance from the commission. According to Phillips, the variances for those under 6 feet are generally granted, "in particular if there's a deer problem or they can make a good case for privacy needs."

Requests for such variances are made fairly often, he said, "especially a couple of years ago." Accompanying those requests are often reports from citizens of code violations among their neighbors — fences being built without benefit of permit, for example.

The whole situation raises questions about the law itself.

"Generally, if (a certain kind of variance) is a frequent request, (we have to consider that) maybe there's something wrong with the ordinance," he said.

Phillips believes the planning commission has "probably arrived at the point" where they'll be recommending fences between 3 feet and 6 feet go through a simple review process, either at the staff or Design Review Board level.

On the other hand, he said, the commissioners are not unanimous in their feelings on the issue.

"Some people want to keep the limit at 3 feet," said Phillips. "They don't want to drive down the street and get a feeling of walls."

Local cities deal differently with front yard fence regulations. Three feet is the limit for front yard fences in Albany. In Richmond the limit is 3 1/2 feet. In the

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## A passion for the past and a gift of longevity

"THE LIFE OF THE HISTORIAN must be short and precarious." I'm not quite certain what 18th century historian Edward Gibbon had in mind when he made that pronouncement, but I know for sure he wasn't talking about Catherine Webb, the keeper of Albany's historical flame.

Giving Gibbon's opinion short shrift, Catherine turned 90 yesterday. Her family, Albany well-wishers and friends from all over have been and will be partying down through next Sunday to celebrate the occasion.

Last week the Albany Arts Committee, The Friends of the Albany Library, both of which Catherine is an avidly active member, and the Albany Library Board gathered in the Edith Stone room of the library to honor her natal day. A cake was cut, champagne flowed and laudatory speeches declaimed.

It was a grand party, but through the merriment I was unable to ask the birthday girl a burning question: Catherine, what is the secret of your longevity?

SO THE NEXT MORNING, blinky-eyed, I wended my way over to 843 Washington Street in search of the answer.

Catherine's hillside home of 60 years is on the upside of the street, with a commanding and undefilable view of the bay, beside the tree-shaded steps leading up to the park.

After a climb, I stood on the porch near the window with the "Clinton-Gore '96" poster and rang the bell. I was warmly invited in to find Catherine, bright-eyed and bushy tailed, getting her Kix — and toast, jam and orange juice — at the kitchen table.

The *Journal* and *The Chronicle* were spread out before her, while the Orenthal James trial lawyers haggled on the radio in the background.

WE WENT OVER THE HIGHLIGHTS of the previous evening which, it turned out, was her second birthday party. The week before her three children had visited — Robert, a retired chemist from New Jersey, Nancy, from Arizona, and Louie, the youngest, from San Francisco. Though the number of grandchildren escaped her for the moment, she has nine great grandchildren, she said.

And again this year, as she has since the '60s, Catherine will hold her traditional, y'all-come Open House. The whole town is invited to drop in today, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for hearty soup kept at the ready on the stove, cake and good talk.

"Some come at breakfast time, some in the



By Phyllis Lyon

afternoon and some stay until 10 o'clock at night. It's very satisfying," she said, possibly referring to the soup as well as the company.

CATHERINE JAMES WAS born Aug. 23, 1905, in Nevada City. Though history shows she has not lived Gibbons' short life, her early life was indeed precarious. Her father was a miner who was shot by a disgruntled employee in Mexico when she was 13, leaving the family to fend for itself in hard times. She went on to become a teacher near Clear Lake and in Berkeley, an artist teaching crafts in Mississippi in the '60s, a political activist and premiere Albany historian.

The leader, if not sole instigator, of the inclusion of the "Local History" space in the new library, Catherine's "Stories of Albany" has become a local classic. She has also preserved and edited the 100-year-old letters of her great-aunt, an Oregon missionary.

WHAT CONCERNED CATHERINE most as we talked was the fate of her current history project, begun about five years ago. With the working title *Happily May I Walk*, the book will bring Albany's story from 1936 to the present. The snag is that she's "run out of money" to publish the new book, but hopes to find a "little group of people to raise some money and get the book published."

"I still have two years to go," she said. "I wouldn't want to publish it without including the new library."

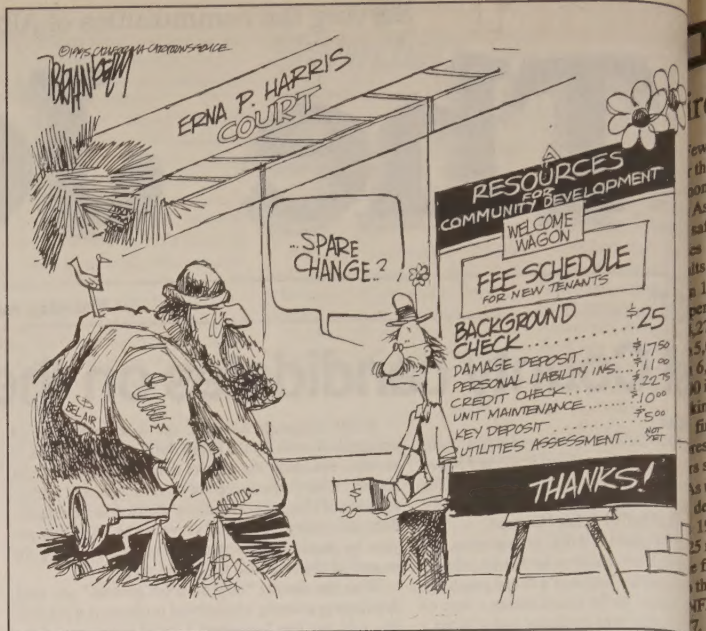
After 60 years fighting city hall, has Albany declined and fallen, I asked. No, according to the mellowed-out neo-nongenarian. Although she initially had little hope for Mike Brodsky, he has turned out "better than I expected," she said. "They don't fight anymore. They're protecting the city and making good use of what little money we have," she said.

WHAT IS THE SECRET of her longevity? "It's a surprise to me. My ancestors lived only into their seventies," she said.

Happy Birthday, Catherine. May you live to be 100. And so say all of us.



Catherine Webb



## Police Reports

## Vandals invade Albany school grounds

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — Between 3:15 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 7 a.m. on Aug. 14 vandals broke into the library at Marin School, stole five bags of marking pens, then proceeded to write graffiti on the outside doors to the classrooms and main office. They also wrote on the picnic tables and gouged out the wooden table tops. There were no witnesses.

On the night of Aug. 14 a resident on the 700 block of Jackson Street reported that over the past week vandals have been hanging out in the Kindergarten play area of Vista School, leaving trash, writing graffiti and pulling up plants.

Just recently they turned on the water and left it running which caused a flood. The police will increase patrols in that area.

Shortly after midnight on Aug. 16 a Richmond man and an El Cerrito man were stopped for riding their bikes without lights on the 1000 block of Talbot Av-

enue. A check revealed the Richmond man had an outstanding warrant from Fremont in the amount of \$5,844. He was arrested, cited and released. The El Cerrito man had a warrant from Berkeley and was arrested and held for Berkeley to pick up.

Between 8 p.m. on Aug. 13 and 9 a.m. on Aug. 14 thieves stole two large potted plants from the front porch of a residence on the 700 block of Santa Fe Avenue.

A woman on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue reported that sometime during the early morning hours of Aug. 16 a thief stole her 6-foot high rubber plant in a terra cotta pot from her front porch. The plant was valued at about \$150.

Another woman on the 1200 block of Portland also reported the loss of a large potted plant from her front porch during the same time period. The plant was very heavy and valued at \$150. In all three cases there were no witnesses.

Thieves broke into a car

parked on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue on the night of Aug. 13. The in-dash player and departed.

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## The Warehouse robbed at gunpoint in

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The Warehouse was robbed at about 10:25 a.m. Aug. 12. The thief demanded and received cash while displaying a small black semi-automatic handgun. The suspect is described as a black male, 19 to 22, 6-foot to 6-foot 1-inch tall, 160 pounds, with a light complexion and a slight moustache; he was wearing a dark blue baseball cap, a medium blue Adidas jacket with teal stripes, dark gray pants and dirty white leather tennis shoes.

A 1989 Olds Cutlass was stolen from a victim at gunpoint in a rear lot in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 2:55 a.m. Aug. 16. The suspect was described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, 5-feet 8-inches tall, 180 pounds, wearing dark clothing.

An Emeryville man reported that he was threatened with a gun in a rear parking lot in the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 2:35 p.m. Aug. 16. The suspect was a black male, about 30, 5-feet 7-inches tall, with a black Giants cap and a blue sweatshirt. Cash and a wallet were taken.

Five cases of domestic violence were reported.

Four residential burglaries were reported.

In the 5700 block of Central, someone unlocked a bedroom window during the daytime Aug. 10 and took a VCR from the room.

In another incident the same day, someone removed the glass from the back door of a home in the 5700 block of El Dorado during the daytime Aug. 10, then took jewelry, electronic and miscellaneous items.

In the 800 block of Norvell Street, the thief took jewelry, portable phones and other items after unlocking and entering the bathroom window. The home was ransacked; the incident occurred during the daytime Aug. 3.

Electronics, cash and miscellaneous items were reported stolen

from a home in the 2500 block of Edwards Avenue during the daytime Aug. 7.

Someone attempted to force a bedroom window open in the 1900 block of Junction Avenue at about 1:07 a.m. Aug. 7. Entry was not made.

A homeless man was arrested for setting fire to the grass area behind a building belonging to the City of El Cerrito on Peerless north of Hill Street at about 12:20 p.m. Aug. 16.

A Richmond male juvenile was arrested after he fled on a bike when the officer attempted to stop him. A foot chase ensued; the youth was apprehended and taken into custody by the Albany P.D. on suspicion of robbery. The incident occurred in the 500 block of Clayton Avenue at 5:37 p.m. Aug. 6.

A Richmond man was arrested for possession of methamphetamines and driving under the influence at San Pablo Avenue and Portola at about 3 a.m. Aug. 10.

A Richmond man was arrested at Santa Clara and Carlson at about 12:42 a.m. Aug. 7 for possession of a controlled substance and driving under the influence.

A Concord man was arrested for driving under the influence at Cutting and San Pablo Avenue at 8:32 a.m. Aug. 7.

A Richmond man was arrested at Mooser and San Pablo Avenue at 1:50 a.m. Aug. 12, also for driving under the influence.

An El Cerrito woman was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle in the 2000 block of Key Boulevard at 3:40 a.m. July 30.

Six vehicles were reported stolen. A 1980 Toyota Celica was taken from Peerless between Huber and FoodsCo during the daytime Aug. 2. A 1986 Mazda 626 was taken from Huber east of Peerless during the daytime Aug. 11.

Vehicles were taken from the 10500 block of San Pablo Avenue on the morning of Aug. 8 (a 1983 Toyota Cressida) and the 10800

block of San Pablo Avenue during the night of Aug. 13 (a 1986 Toyota Camry) and the 7500 block of Liberty Street during the night of Aug. 13 (a 1988 Honda Accord).

A 1988 Honda Accord was stolen from Peerless and Carlson during the daytime Aug. 15.

Someone attempted to force a car from the Target store at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 12. The car's steering wheel was cracked.

Property thefts occurred in the 3100 block of Yosemite during the night of Aug. 7 (sound system taken from the block of Liberty Street) and in the 5000 block of Liberty Street during the night of Aug. 7 (vehicle parts, later the 1900 block of Clayton Avenue during the night of Aug. 7).

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## Letters to the Editor

### Bad business

Editor:

After a local parent stated that she cannot justify sending her children to the district's schools, Mr. Woody Snodgrass (West Contra Costa Unified School District Board member) was heard to say, "GOOD!" This comment is entirely in keeping with his and this School Board's apparent attitude that the public is their enemy. The current board is an apologist for the district administration and their failed policies.

The current school board has basically lost sight of who their customers are. Without customers, a business or a school district ceases to exist. A good business will try to find out why they have lost a customer and start changing its practices to not lose any more customers. The attitude displayed by Mr. Snodgrass is a prime example of why many people are frustrated with the public education monopoly.

Of course we do have a choice of who our School Board members should be. On Nov. 7 we will decide whether Mr. Snodgrass' supporters, Karen Ortega and Dianne Easton, should be allowed to continue their anti-community ways.

Brian Leary  
Richmond

### Favors school move

The *Journal* received a copy of the following letter to the El Cerrito Planning Commission:

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## Albany Fire Department News

### Fire related deaths on the decline

fewer people died in fires last year than ever before, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a private safety advocate group that releases its annual fire loss survey each August.

In 1994, fire deaths were down 10 percent over the previous year, to 2,275. This compares to more than 2,500 as recently as 1990, more than 2,600 in 1988, and more than 2,700 in 1979. The NFPA has been tracking U.S. fire trends since 1977, and fire deaths have declined an average 42.2 percent in the 17 years since that first study.

As usual, about 80 percent of all deaths occurred in the home. In 1994 home fire death toll of 1,859 represented a 7.9 percent decline from the year before and was the lowest level ever recorded. Residential properties other than homes (e.g., hotels and motels, dormitories, rooming or boarding houses) saw their fire death toll drop 19.9 percent in 1994 to a total of 416, the lowest total ever recorded in that category.

Non-residential structures (e.g., schools, offices, industry, commercial buildings, schools, health care facilities) collectively accounted for 19.4 percent of deaths in 1994, a decline from 20.1 percent the year before and the lowest total ever recorded in that category. In vehicle fires represented a counter-trend, increasing 1.9 percent in 1994 to a total of 630, most of those involving automobiles.

No matter what the type of property, most fire deaths are preventable, according to the NFPA, whose long history of advocating and promoting fire safety has seen fire

death rates relative to population decline by more than 80 percent and fire loss relative to U.S. gross national product decline by more than 75 percent.

Dr. John R. Hall, Jr., NFPA assistant vice-president for fire analysis and research, says the large 1994 drop in fire deaths is an encouraging sign. "Every year we learn more about how and why fatal fires occur, and every year more people take those lessons and apply them successfully to their own lives."

Deaths specifically involving arson or suspected arson structure fires also decreased slightly in 1994, as 550 lives were lost in deliberately-set structure fires.

Property damage in these arson and suspected arson structure fires fell by more than one-third, to \$1.447 billion, a level more typical of the past decade than the past two years, which were greatly affected by losses in a few major incidents, including the 1993 World Trade Center bombing incident. Unfortunately, the terror bombing in Oklahoma City will have a major adverse effect on both the death toll and the property damage totals in 1995.

Civilian injuries reported to fire departments dropped to 27,250, a 10.6 percent decline and the second-lowest total NFPA has ever recorded.

Fire safety initiatives must be targeted where the need is greatest, and that continues to be the home, says Dr. Hall.

"Adequate advance warning of fire is essential to reducing home fire deaths," Dr. Hall adds. "Working smoke detectors are effective in providing extra time for escape."

NFPA's National Fire Alarm Code requires smoke detector pro-

tection on every level of the home. In new homes, the code requires hard-wired detectors that are interconnected so that all alarms will sound when one responds to smoke or fire. NFPA also encourages the use of automatic fire sprinklers in the home, which can dramatically reduce fire death and injury as well

as property damage.

If you are interested in having smoke detectors installed in your home, please call the Albany Fire Department at 528-5771 and leave a message by pressing 4 anytime during the recording. Installation is free. Detectors cost \$9, \$7 for senior citizens.



Lyss Barbachano, with his wife Gerry.

### Birthday celebration

Lyss Barbachano of Kensington, retired El Cerrito architect of 40 years and 30-year member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce and 40-year El Cerrito Lions Club member, recently celebrated his 80th birthday at a dinner party hosted by the family at Chevys Mexican Restaurant, El Cerrito Plaza.

A trio, Los Romanticos de la Bahia, entertained with Mexican ballads and 'Happy Birthday'

music, and tables decorated with balloons and confetti enhanced the festive mood of the event.

Among the 26 in attendance were: wife, Gerry; son, Joaquin Barbachano, and his wife, Gloria, from Missouri City, Texas; daughter, Adela Oldford, and her husband, Dale, with children, Laura and Eric, from Clayton; daughter, Marquita Pattur, with her husband, Jagy, and son, Jai, from Hawaii.

## Redevelopment process prompts citizen action

By Dawn Frasier

*This is the fifth in a series of articles on citizen responses to redevelopment activity in El Cerrito.*

It was fairly recently that Mary Beth Almeda became aware of redevelopment issues particularly affecting her El Cerrito neighborhood. Over time she has become a respected voice for those sharing her concerns; she has also become one of the key players in a new community-wide citizens organization, the El Cerrito Neighborhoods Coalition.

About two years ago, Almeda's husband, Frank Almeda, became involved with the movement to save an old black walnut tree on Albemarle Street. After attending a council meeting in connection with that issue, he suggested that Almeda might visit a meeting before the upcoming election "to see our council members in action."

At that meeting, she said, "Cathie Kosel said something just in passing about the development (planned for) the Plaza BART station. It was the first we'd heard of it; since we lived very close to that station, we were very interested in learning more about it."

Over the next few weeks, Almeda said she decided to learn what the plan for the area was.

"It took quite a bit of questioning to find out what was (included in the proposed) plan," she said. "I found that process frustrating. It seemed as if you had to know exactly the right questions to ask to get information."

Almeda said Jeff Ordway of BART was "particularly helpful in giving a full picture" of the overall plan for the station, where a mixed residential/commercial/parking complex has been proposed for several years. (No application has yet been made to the city for the project.)

At that point, the Almedas "were so surprised at the scope of the project," they decided to check with neighbors to see if the knowledge was widespread.

"Nobody seemed to know about

it," she said.

Meetings followed, designed to present information to residents as to what was under consideration.

Almeda said she and many of her neighbors believe the proposed project is too large for their neighborhood and likely to cause increased traffic problems. While she admits that "some people in our group are against redevelopment in any form; they just don't think it's a good idea," others have specific concerns about the project's impacts.

"If you look at the overall housing element for the city, housing is also listed for the Plaza itself (as opposed to the BART property)," she said. "If you were to get something there eventually, it would be a tremendous load (and) concentration in that area."

Exploring that issue led Almeda to several concerns that go beyond the specific proposal.

First, she said, is a concern that El Cerrito's normal process for considering development ideas "doesn't seem to include meaningful citizen involvement at an early enough point."

Almeda believes the city meets its legal requirements in notifying its citizens of projects and providing opportunities for input. She's also aware that the city goes beyond those requirements.

"But the process doesn't work," she said. "By the time the citizens (have a meaningful opportunity for involvement), there's a lot of people already buying into the plan, ... partners or potential partners, the city, and the developers."

At that point, she said, "it's hard to consider a variety of different points of view."

Almeda's second concern has to do with the extremely close vote in last November's election, when El Cerrito's Redevelopment Plan Amendment was approved by less than 50 votes.

"It's clear that our city is divided on the whole question of redevelopment," she said. "I was concerned, after the election, to see our city

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## Albany PTA Council News

Albany High School's orientation for freshmen parents takes place Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in Little Theater. Parents will receive a calendar of September events along with other important information about the high school community. The presentation will take about 45 minutes.

That same evening at 8 p.m. the PTA Council will hold its last summer meeting. We need to discuss the new and make plans for distributing the handbook. The meeting will be held at Sarah Samonsky's house. Please call her at 524-1754 for confirmation and directions.

There's been no official word yet

on progress in the district's negotiation with the Albany Teacher's Association (ATA). School board members are keeping Tuesday, Aug. 29, as a possible meeting date; if announcements regarding the negotiations can be made, they will be made then. A state-appointed mediator was assigned to the district earlier this summer. If the board does not meet on Aug. 29 its first meeting will take place after school opens.

Money released for the public schools this month by Governor Wilson will arrive in Albany sometime next year. These one-time-only funds amount to around \$150,000 and are available for general use, including

salaries. However, before the funds are allocated, the board must hold on (and possibly two) public meetings to discuss how to use the money.

Parents who have strong feelings about the funding of teacher salaries, the restoration of programs, the purchase of equipment, or other budget

issues, can make their ideas known at these meetings. I'll announce the dates in this column as soon as they are available.

The district's next K-12 Facilities meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m., in the Cornell Library.

By Peggy Thow

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# Goings on About Town

## Performances

**Ashkenaz:** Aug 24, 10:30 p.m.: Joanne Rand with Diane Patterson Duo at 9 p.m.; Aug 25, 11:30 p.m.: Raskidus with Steel and Ivory at 9:30 p.m.; Aug 26, 9:30 p.m.: Pandamonium with Oxumare; Aug 27, 8 p.m.: Ramana Vieira; Aug 28, closed; Aug 29, 9 p.m.: Bayou Pon Pon with Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m.; Aug 30, 9 p.m.: Hot Club with Lindy dance lesson at 8 p.m. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

**Asian Youth Orchestra:** Aug 24, 7:30 p.m.: Conductor Sergiu Comissiona leads a selection of quartet, quintet, and small ensemble repertoire as well as works by Mozart, Barber, Vivaldi, and Respighi. International House Auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley.

**Berkeley Symphony Orchestra:** U.C. Berkeley Zellerbach Hall. 841-2800.

**Berkeley Store Gallery:** Aug 30, 8:30 p.m.: Emily Hay voice/flute with opener Richie West. 2295 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 528-8440.

**Freight & Salvage:** Aug 30, 8 & 9 p.m.: The Murasaki Ensemble performing a melange of different styles from jazz to folk blended together traditional Japanese base. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

**Jupiter:** 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-THE-ROCK.

**Kimball's East:** Shellmound St., Emeryville. 658-2555.

**La Peña Cultural Center:** Closed for remodeling. 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568, ext.15.

**Maybeck Recital Hall:** Aug 27, 4 p.m.: Pianist James Williams. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

**Starry Plough:** Aug 24, 9:30 p.m.: Tucker, Nova Come Home, and Sandy Coates; Aug 25, 9:30 p.m.: Dieseld with Paddlefoot; Aug 26, 9:30 p.m.: Naked Barbies with The Mommyheads; Aug 27, OPEN JAM; Aug 28, Traditional Irish Music at 9 p.m.; Aug 29, OPEN MIKE at 7:30 p.m.; Aug 30, 9:30 p.m.: Wildflowers with Radio-1-Ching. Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

**Yoshi's:** Aug 24, 2 sets from 8 p.m.: Ed Kelly Quartet; Aug 25, 8 & 10 p.m.: John Santos & Machete; Aug 26, 8 & 10 p.m.: Jauí Urtal & the Pagan Love Orchestra; Aug 27, 8 & 10 p.m.: Faye Carol with the Kito Gamble Trio; Aug 28, 8 & 10 p.m.: Lionel Emde Quartet; Aug 29, 7 p.m.: "A Central Place" non-profit fundraiser with Robert Stewart, Tommy

Castro, The Dramatics, and Brenda Vaughan; Aug 30, 8 & 10 p.m.: Kito Gamble Sextet. 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200.

## Religious activities

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists:** 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

**Berkeley Hillel:** Aug 24, 3 p.m.: New students reception; Aug 25, 6 p.m.: Welcome Shabbat - Singing at 6 p.m.; Services, 6:30 p.m.; Dinner, 7:45 p.m.; Lighting 7:31p.m.; Aug 27, 5:30 p.m.: Food Fest with Folk Dancing at 7:30 p.m.; Aug 28, 7 p.m.: New Students' Group; Aug 29, Noon: Sproul Plaza Tour; Aug 30, 5:30 p.m.: BBQ followed by an activities fair at 7 p.m. and folkdancing at 7:15 p.m. 2736 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 845-7793 ext 77.

**First Unitarian Church of Berkeley:** Aug 27, 10:45 a.m.: David Strom discusses time and human fears in, "The Unfinished Earth-Discovery!" 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. 525-0302.

**The 5:45:** Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

## Events, meetings, classes...

**Auditions:** Aug 24-26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Auditions will be held for University Symphony Orchestra on the Berkeley campus. Auditioners must sign up in advance and get audition materials from the music library. Program includes music of Beethoven, William Grant Still, and Shostakovich. 843-9323.

**Benefit Yard Sale:** Aug 26-27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: In honor of Women's Equality Day, which recognizes the 75th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, a two day yard sale will be held. There will be live entertainment, singing, musicians, clowns, people dressed in costumes of historical characters as well as bargains and voter registration. Volunteers and donations are urgently needed. 2325 Oak St., Berkeley. 524-1582.

**Basketry:** The Canning Shop, 926 Gilman St., Berkeley. 527-5010.

**Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association:** Aug 27, 12 noon: A tour of the Berkeley City Club will be held which includes an indoor swimming pool, grand ballroom and public rooms. The Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

841-2242.

**Berkeley Farmers' Market:** Sundays, 11-3 p.m.: Fresh California produce near People's Park; parking available: Haste St. at Telegraph, Berkeley.

**Berkeley High class of '65:** Sept 30: Reunion to be a dinner cruise on the Red and White Fleet. Contact Tanya Dennis, 849-2426.

**Black Oak Books:** Aug 24, 7:30 p.m.: David Mas Masumoto brings the essence of summer with *Epitaph for a Peach*; Aug 27, 7:30 p.m.: Iain Boal will discuss *Resisting the Virtual Life: The Culture and Politics of Information*; Aug 29, 7:30 p.m.: Barbara Wright will read from *Easy Money*. 1491 Shattuck, Berkeley. 94709.

**Cajon Festival:** Aug 26, 10 a.m.: Saturday Berkeley Farmers' Market will host its Sixth Annual Cajon Festival with Cajon music, dancing, and food. Center St. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley. 548-3333.

**Cody's:** Aug 24, 7:30 p.m.: Page Smith discusses contemporary American history in *Democracy On Trial: The Japanese-American Evacuation and Relocation in World War II*; Aug 29, 7:30 p.m.: Zsuzsanna E. Budapest discusses her new book *The Goddess in the Bedroom: A Passionate Woman's Guide to Celebrating Sexuality Every Night of the Week*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 845-7852.

**Dance Classes For Adults:** Ongoing ballet, modern, jazz and floor barre; special children's program; 2704 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley. 654-5921.

**GAIA:** Aug 25, 7:30 p.m.: Andrew Harvey looks at mysticism in *The Mystic Vision*; Aug 28, 7:30 p.m.: Evelyn Blau examines spiritual teachings in *Krishnamurti: 100 years*; Aug 29, 7:30 p.m.: Elena Featherston discusses women of color writing with *Skin Deep: Women Writing on Color, Culture and Identity*. 1400 Shattuck, Berkeley. 848-648A.

**Jupiter Jam:** Aug 26, 12 noon: Peter Apfelbaum, Mike Henderson Blues Band, Lady Bianca & The Magical Rhythm Section. Micro-brew beer garden, food booths, and drawings for great prizes from downtown Berkeley businesses. On Addison Street between Shattuck Ave and Milvia St., Berkeley.

**Marquetry Class:** For beginners; every Tues, 10 - noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave & Garber St., Berkeley.

**Mountain Biking in Borneo:** Slide

presentation by Tim Gardner showing Borneo's Regional Sarawak and Mulu National Park. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

**North Berkeley Senior Center:** Aug 24, 1 p.m.: Video Movie, *Phar Lap*; Aug 25, 1 p.m.: Video Opera, *Arabella*; Aug 28, 1 p.m.: Betty Goren leads a talk on communication; Aug 29, 1:15 p.m.: Helen Wheeler discusses the role of women in early Hollywood; Aug 30, 1 p.m.: Dina Quan leads a fun and fitness program. 1901 Hearst, Berkeley. 644-6107.

**Pacific Film Archive:** Aug 30, 7 p.m.: *Them!* with *Atomic Drive-in* at 9 p.m. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. 642-1412.

**Poetry Reading:** Aug 28, 7 p.m.: A monthly series of poetry readings presented on the last Monday of each month at the long Haul Info Shop. 3124 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 601-5673.

**University Art Museum:** Through Sept. 3: An installation titled, "Bridge of Knots" by artist and activist Helene Aylon commemorating the 50th anniversary of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley.

## Exhibits

**Bakery Cafe:** Through Oct 6: Paintings by Carol Lee. 2787 Shattuck, Berkeley.

**Bohemian Art:** Aug 27, 1 p.m.: Poetry, photography, and reading by numerous artists. 2905 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 848-3736

**Cafe Milano:** Through Aug: An exhibition of art by Mario Ferrari featuring paintings, drawings, and photographs. Bancroft Way between Bowditch St. and Telegraph Ave., Berkeley.

**University Art Museum:** Through Sept 3: Helene Aylon's, "Bridge of Knots". UC Berkeley campus, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

**Judah L. Magnes Museum:** "How Many Times?", bronze figures of homeless women and men by Florence Smith, through Sept. 3; "Fabrics of Life: Introduction to the Magnes Museum Summer Workshop" free slideshow of Italian Jewish art and life; "Extraordinary Californians"; through Nov. 5; 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

**Mediterranean Gallery:** Through Sept 2: Group show and mural dedication: Chappel-Holt, Leon Kennedy, Adam Clay, and Guy Colwell. Cafe Med., Telegraph Ave. between Haste and Dwight, Berkeley. 644-9819.

**Pop Paintings:** Through Oct 7: An

exhibition of recent paintings by Tony Speirs titled, "Pop Songs". Reception for the artist on Aug 11, 6 p.m.: M. Low & Co., 1519 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

**Kala Institute:** Through Sept. 2: The works of Michele Scott and Gayle Tanaka: Opening reception on July 28, 6 p.m.: Workshop Media Center Gallery: 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 549-2977.

**Spiritual Works:** Through Oct 16: "New Perceptions of the Spirit" is a retrospective exhibition of painters and sculptors who have shown their work at the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library of the Graduate Theological Union during the 1980's and 1990's: Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley; 649-2540.

**Tattoo Archive:** Through August: Flash Sheets from the 1920-1960's; 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 548-5895.

**Quilt Works:** Through Aug. 30, 12 noon to 6 p.m., 7 days: Art Quilt forms and wall pieces by Oakland artist Robin Cowley. Takara Sake Brewery, 708 Addison St., Berkeley. 540-8250.

**World Institute On Disability:** Through Aug. 31, painted silk scarfs by Elizabeth Starr and watercolor, acrylic paintings by Grace Lin; in memory of Ed Roberts, cofounder of the institute; 510 16th St., Oakland; 763-4100.

**"What if...?":** Through August: An exhibition of quilts by contemporary quilt artist Deanna Davis.: New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6779.

## Support groups, self-help

**African-American Book Club:** Meets last Thursday of each month.: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley: 415-773-9558.

**Alzheimer's:** and related disorders Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Center: music, dancing and fellowship; St. John's Church Center; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. For info: 444-0243.

**Bereavement Support Groups:** individual grief counseling available; 889-1104.

**Jitterbug Club:** 2nd Sat of month.: The Northern California Lindy Society supporting the flourishing of the Lindy (original swing dance): 486-0202.

**Solo Sierrans:** The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, for singles, over 40, offering fun, friendship, and an opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor, social and cultural activities; 652-4928.

**Turning Point Career Center:**

Support group for job seekers changers; self-assessment direction program (\$110 includes two hours of individual counseling; 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 6370.

**Overeaters Anonymous:** Saturday, 8:30 a.m.: Newcomers a.m.: St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley; 273-9292 or 841-4824.

**Philately Meeting:** For collectors; first and third Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 5397 or 655-7827.

**Albany TOPS:** Take a Sensibly support group on Monday morning: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. meeting; 980 Shattuck Ave., Albany.

**Environmental Health:** Support and information for environmental illness/multiple sensitivities; (415) 541-5070.

**Le Tip International:** for independent business people for mornings at 7:15 a.m.; info.

**Stroke Group:** First Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.: For stroke survivors and friends; 204-4503; Albany Support Group: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m.; Both at Herrick Club, Dwight Way, Berkeley.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** meeting times: 839-8900.

**Toastmasters:** On campus Tuesday 6:15-7:15 p.m.: 2200 Ave (English Language Center) 4355; Albany: First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; Albany Library, Albany, 233-0268; Berkeley: Every Tuesday, 12:10-1 p.m. St. (north of Ashby, off of El Cerrito; Every Thursday, 7:30-9 p.m. at the Fairmount Center Clubhouse, 715 La Grange; 526-3710; State Health Trust; Every 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:30 p.m.; 8th floor, Waldorf Room, Berkeley Way; 528-4964 or 648-4964.

**Secular Organizations for Women:** Support groups: 814-2221.

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## City activities in the works

In this article I would like to provide an update for readers on various city activities.

The first concerns the proposed mixed use development west of the Del Norte BART station that includes the movie theater complex. At the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency on Aug. 14, the Agency/City Council approved proceeding with an analysis of this proposal and various alternatives. We agreed to enter into the Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with Charles Oewel.

The ENRA sounds grander than its legal effect. All it does is commit the city for the next nine months to work only with Charles Oewel on analyzing his proposal for the site. Oewel by the same token agrees to commit to working with us and not going somewhere else.

As I mentioned in my last column we have a number of environmental issues and other concerns to study and analyze first. The ENRA is the legal method for beginning that work.

One of the key features of the ENRA for this proposal is that Oewel has agreed to have the environmental analysis done at the beginning of the process rather than at the end. In this way we will be able to find out about the actual and potential environmental impacts early on.

We can then make informed decisions about the next step based on that information. That step could be to proceed further with the proposal or to terminate it. In keeping with how such an environmental analysis is conducted, Oewel will pay for

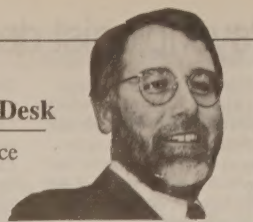
this work. The city will not have that financial burden. The city, however, gets to choose the consultants to do the work who are under the city's supervision, not Oewel's. He will deposit the funds necessary for this work with the city so that any payments to the consultant will come from the city.

As a step in this process, the city will hold an informational meeting for the three citizens commissions that will be involved with analyzing this project. They are the Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and Redevelopment Advisory Committee. This informational workshop will take place on Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Council Chambers. Persons interested in attending should contact the City Clerk at least the day before to make sure the time, date, and location remain the same.

As for the community planning process for the El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito BART, and Fairmount Avenue area west of the BART tracks, the city is still trying to get firm commitments for funding the planning process. Readers will recall that the city prepared an outline for a planning process that would include the city, BART, the Plaza owners, other merchants, the neighborhood, and other community groups. It has three components: the community planning process, a creek restoration study, and a market study. Both the city and BART can commit some money for the process, but we cannot pay for the whole thing. We have been working to get funds from other sources. We have sought the involvement of

### From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman La Force  
El Cerrito



Milton Bilak and the Emporium as the two major owners of the Plaza. Bilak at first did not show interest, but now appears to be willing to get involved. Emporium was at first very interested, but the sale of the Emporium stores to Macy's has completely changed this situation. We have no idea what will happen now that Emporium has a new owner. I hope that we can still proceed with some components of this process, but the Emporium sale has added a new dimension to this.

The City has also proceeded with establishing the legal framework for building speed humps and changing its stop sign law. We had originally planned to put the finishing touches in this item by our meeting in August, but the staff had to devote time to other projects, including the mixed use proposal for the Del Norte area. I want to get the speed hump and stop sign changes underway as soon as possible so I will work to get this on our Sept. 5 council agenda. Once we pass the new rules, interested persons, blocks, or neighborhoods can apply for humps or stop signs.

Lastly, I want to report on major changes in our maintenance work. We have already reorganized a number of areas to become more proactive in handling maintenance

matters. One area where people will see the change is in street tree trimming. We have divided the city into four zones. The crews will begin work in one zone this September. The zone's boundary is such that the work in that zone can be complete in one year. The next year the crews will go to zone two. In four years we hope to have all four zones completed so that the crews can start over again with zone one.

We hope, though, that by developing a pro-active maintenance program on a four year rotation the work in the future years will be easier. It is hoped that in the future we could get the entire city's trees trimmed on a three year rotation basis. Obviously, trees considered a public safety hazard would have been taken out of sequence. Persons interested in knowing what zone they are in should contact the city.

Finally, I would like to thank David Lewis, a citizen from San Pablo, who has been going around removing graffiti in the West County area, including El Cerrito. He does this as a volunteer on his own. I am sure we are all grateful for his efforts in this regard. The city has offered to provide him with materials, and I urge others in the community who want to tackle this problem to contact the city.

## Demolition planned at school site

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY - Plans to make way for a new middle school on the El Cerrito border are beginning to move forward with demolition of existing buildings on the site set for Oct. 16.

The School Board last week authorized district staff to solicit bids from contractors to complete removal of the six buildings scattered across the 3 acre former Hill Lumber site on Brighton Avenue.

The work is estimated to cost the district between \$50,000 to \$100,000, depending on proposals submitted by contractors, and is the first step to preparing the site for construction.

After demolition work is complete contractors hired by former owner Hill Lumber will move in and excavate a 5-foot by 10-foot area where diesel fuel contamination has been found.

While the planned demolition is on schedule with district timelines, the city of Albany is being asked to vacate the portion of the site it currently uses for its maintenance yard three weeks ahead of schedule.

Originally the city planned to move by Oct. 31, now they must vacate by Oct. 9.

"We're putting the squeeze really on the city. They'd like to be in there longer, but we need to remove some asbestos in the administration

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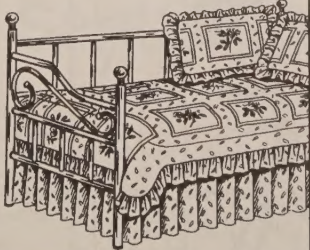
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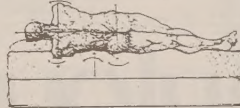
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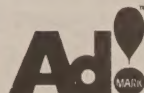
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# Demolition Psychologist dedicated to helping others

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building. That has to be removed before demolition can begin," Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Stanley Maleski said.

Maleski noted that the amount of asbestos found in the building's floor tiles is "not much" and should be easily removed.

But moving up the city's move-out date puts more pressure on city officials to find a new location. Two sites are currently under consideration, both located on Eastshore Highway.

Albany City Administrator Daren Fields said in a later interview that no decision has yet been made between the sites.

"We're trying to move as quickly as possible. We've been looking for a permanent site for 8 years, it's difficult to find one in eight months. We're still negotiating. We hope to have a proposed lease agreement for the City Council to review at their Sept. 5 meeting," he said.

Once demolition is under way, contractors are under orders to avoid disturbing the contaminated soil. In addition, the property's concrete overlay will be retained until construction is ready to begin in order to avoid a possible flood hazard.

Design of the new school is also proceeding. The School Board last month approved a contract with the architectural firm of Deems, Lewis and McKinley to work with district staff, school and community representatives on the new building's features.

What do you suppose a judge does when he has to decide what to do about an abused child, whether to return him or her to his or her home or where to send her or him? He probably calls in someone with the background, experience and expertise to make an assessment for him, someone like Christopher J. Alexander, a clinical psychologist.

That is just one of the things Dr. Alexander does. With his thorough training in psychology, his background and experience, he also works with gay and bisexual men who are married and have families. He speaks of their terrible conflicts between the love and loyalty they have for their spouses and children and their sexual feelings.

And he does other assessments: the amount of brain damage after a stroke, and, knowing the level of damage, determines what the person can or cannot do. Or the brain damage after a terrible trauma. He speaks of one man who worked for KFC, who was terribly beaten, so that he needed full face reconstruction. A successful man, he could now do nothing. It was Alexander's job to find out if he showed life-long impairment, which, sadly, he did, and therefore, how he should be compensated.

And in custody battles he is often called in to suggest what should happen to the children. It is the child who is his first concern in these matters, and it is usually a difficult assessment to make.

"When it all comes together," he muses, "that's when it is good.

When it is nice."

Born in Salt Lake City, Christopher H. Alexander moved, with his family, to Southern California when he was a teenager. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology at UC Hayward. He earned his Ph.D. in San Francisco at the Professional School of Psychology.

While doing his master's, he worked as supervisor of suicide prevention in Alameda County, which was a very stressful job. Needing a break, he went to work for J.C. Penney during the Christmas season, and stayed for six or seven months. Then he went back to psychology, taking a job with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, working there for 4 years while working on his Ph.D. That, he said, was good, rewarding work, though enormously stressful. He traveled to conferences, facilitated support groups for heterosexuals and families, while "losing clients left and right."

After a few years of this he needed another break, and that is when he started working with kids.

He took a position as a doctoral intern at Doctors Hospital, training and working with children.

At this time that he started developing a private practice working with kids and with the gay and bisexual men mentioned. One way psychology is different from counseling is the testing a psychologist does to assess the needs of the child, the impairment of a stroke victim, and the physical, neural and emotional functions possible for a trauma victim.

Now, in addition to an active private practice, he also teaches through San Francisco City College and at the Center for Psychological Studies in Albany.

Obviously enjoying his teaching in the Albany center, he speaks of teaching people getting Ph.D.'s how to do forensic neuro-psychological assessments. "I make them work real hard," he says, grimly. "They must have complete command of this information. I make sure they have the background and experience and are competent to do it."

But he adds, referring to his

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



previous needs for "breaks" from this very stressful work, "I am taking control of my work, setting limits." To vary his work he writes articles and books. He is presently writing a book on gay/lesbian mental health. He is hiring researchers to write chapters on their research, and he quotes some of it: the 22 to 25 percent likelihood that lesbians will at least try suicide. It rises to 40 percent with gay men.

The book, he says, will be mostly for clinicians and students. "Like a handbook," he says. He has also written chapters for other people's books, such as one on his own research about gay Mormons and their tremendous suicide rate.

For the lighter side of Christopher Alexander, well, he and his partner have two cats and

43 birds. They have built an aviary for most of them. Tropical birds must be kept in cages. They attend bird shows and learn about the creatures. And how does he feel about himself? "If I died today, I'd be happy with what I have. I have influenced a lot of people."

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Thank you, Margaret Alafi, for calling me about Christopher Alexander. His suggestions have always been ones.

And I invite all of you to give your input: interesting events, organizations, suggestions to me at 555-4443, Albany, 94706, or 4585.

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## 1995 ACCAL football: El Cerrito, Albany

## Dee-fense' the battle cry for the Gauchos

Scott Kaplan

Want to make some enemies? If you do, strut over to the El Cerrito High School football field and holler "73-38" a handful of times. Then quickly run like the wind toward the BART station and make your getaway.

The significance of "73-38" is that it was the final score in the Gauchos' dubious season-ending loss to visiting De Anza last year. The defeat dealt El Cerrito a losing campaign as the Gauchos went 4-6.

Whether the De Anza loss serves as a battle cry for the upcoming 1995 campaign or not, the basic premise from the game is a no-brainer — the Gauchos, potentially the most explosive offensive team in the ACCAL, need to improve their defense if they have hopes of postseason play.

"We definitely need to improve defensively in order to be successful," said El Cerrito coach Frank Milo. "There were other games during the year that we didn't play good defense."

"In the offseason we've been emphasizing quickness and strength. We just didn't react, rush, or tackle too well last year."

While Milo has his concerns about seeing a repeat performance on the defensive side of the ball, it's unlikely with several key returnees back. Defensive back Mont Thompson headlines the Gauchos' secondary which every year is one of the best around.

El Cerrito's defensive front will be anchored by all-ACCAL tackle David Poole (5-10, 255-pounds). The Gauchos have a strong blocking core in returning starting Jamal Bolden and Fred Coley (both outside linebackers).

What people may have forgotten about El Cerrito is that in 1994 it had easily the most difficult schedule in the ACCAL, playing 10 schools in non-league play (Vintage of Napa and Pinole Valley).

The Gauchos battled in the higher of the ACCAL's two divisions, plus their non-divisional league games were against Encinal and Bishop O'Dowd, which went a combined 16-5 in '94.

The Gauchos joined the ACCAL two years ago after being members of the powerful 3A conference the Bay Valley Athletic League for several seasons. Surprisingly despite being a 2A school playing at a higher division, El Cerrito held its own in the BVAL and in fact is the last team to beat national power De LaSalle in a league game.

The 14-13 win back in 1989 in Concord featured a missed field goal in the game's final seconds by Spartan kicker and current San Francisco 49er Doug Brien.

While the Gauchos had success in the BVAL, the weekly toll of having to bang against huge De La Salle, Pittsburg, and Antioch linemen, began to prove too much and Milo elected to enter the 2A ACCAL (formerly the East Shore Athletic League).

"Comments were made by the Bishop O'Dowd coach (Paul Perenon) that we were a 3A school playing 2A, but it was the other way around," said Milo.

We tried to get out of the BVAL for several years but the other schools wouldn't vote us out.

"It is tough to compete with the big schools. Not skill wise, but on the line as in our last few years when linemen would get hurt or were ineligible, we would be in trouble."

El Cerrito has always had burners on offense and things should continue this year.

Two seasons ago the Gauchos scorched practically everyone going 8-2 behind the play of all-leaguers QB Royce Rose (now at Contra Costa College), WR Kamil Loud (Cal-Poly SLO), and TB Ayodele Mitchell. Despite the losing record last season, El Cerrito continued to put points on the board as the Gauchos averaged 45.5 points in their four wins.

While Mitchell (1,200 yards rushing) graduated along with QB Charlie Lovell off last year's squad, the Gauchos should con-



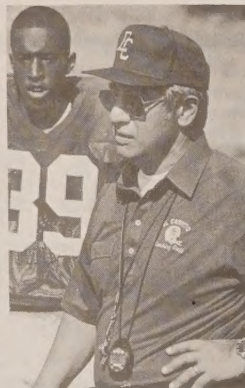
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El Cerrito soph Hartzell Swann, above, is glad this day of fall practice is over; but coach Frank Milo, right, still has his game face on.

less he beats him out.

"We'll be able to move the ball offensively," said Milo whose squad certainly has as good a shot as anyone else to beat out defending Rock division champion St. Mary's.

"I'd say that you really have to give the edge in the league to St. Mary's and De Anza because of the guys they have returning on the line. But we'll be battling them," said Milo.



tinue to light up the board with a tremendous receiving core led by senior WB Jamaal Cotright, junior tight end Donny Davis, and TE Enyi Nwamuo. Both Cotright and Davis missed the last couple of games in 1994 due to injury.

At tailback Milo expects junior Antonio Lacy to start although he'll have a couple of back-ups on his tail in junior Melvin Clark and sophomore Marcus Parham. Ed Dyer will start at fullback for the second straight year.

Junior George Phillips is currently the frontrunner for the starting quarterback position. Jerry Calkins will back up Phillips un-

By Dennis A. Cavagnaro

Forty years and more have passed since the Oakland Oaks, our "Boys of Summer," took on, with bat and ball, the despised San Francisco Seals and the rest of the Pacific Coast League.

Yet recently 50 of our PCL "yesterday's heroes" converged at the Oakland Museum to renew ballpark acquaintances, tell stories and enjoy the enthusiastic respect of their fans.

It was wonderful to see the veteran PCL players as they discovered old friends and former rivals. Some came from a distance. Slick-fielding Seals shortstop Roy Nicely drove down from Coos Bay, Ore. with his wife.

Seals pitcher, Larry Powell, an orchard farmer outside of Fresno,

described Lefty as exuding charisma before the word became popular.

To correct Ferris Fain's lunging, Lefty, tied the first baseman's waist with a rope to the batting cage. Fain went on to win two American League batting titles.

The PCL players discussed baseball salaries. In the late 1930s, \$350 a month was the norm. In the '50s the average was up to \$2,000. The best made more. Many of the players promoted to the major leagues were shocked to discover cuts in pay. Many refused advancement to the "big."

They all agreed the PCL was a "players league." The pay was good, the weather much more comfortable and the travel manageable.

Two weeks was the maximum road

trip. The Oaks might play at Portland one week, then Seattle before returning home. Mondays were always off days.

Bob Murphy, the Stanford football broadcaster pitched for the Oaks in the '50s under Augie Galan and Lefty O'Doul. Lefty, then in his 60s, would occasionally take batting practice.

Murphy was amazed, "All activity would stop as everyone watched Lefty and his smooth swing, hit line drive after line drive."

Murphy described Chuck Dressen, one of his managers, "the original Pillsbury Dough Boy. The intense Chuck would tell his Oaks before a game, 'Hold 'em close, I'll think of something by the 8th inning.'"

## Cougars: 'We'll be stronger, smarter'

In his third season as head football coach at Albany High, Anthony Freeman is excited about the prospects of this year's squad and expects the Cougars to be in the running for the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League's Rock division championship.

Indeed Freeman has never been one to shy away when it comes to hyping up his team or his players. However, when you look at Freeman's results (In just two seasons he produced the school's first winning campaign in more than 10 years) it's hard to take anything lightly that the 1980 Albany grad says.

Freeman has optimism for good reason with several key returnees back off last year's 5-4 squad along with a steady turnout of players thus far (26 as of Aug. 17). The Cougars kickoff the 1995 campaign in two weeks as they host Terra Linda, Sept. 7 at 3:30.

"I think we'll be stronger and smarter than last year because a lot of the guys who were our strengths in 1994 are back," said Freeman.

When the season starts eyes will be on Cougar fullback/linebacker Danny Wilcox. Last season the 6-1, 200-pound Wilcox rushed for 450 yards and scored six touchdowns. One though must note that Wilcox's carries were limited, as tailback James McKinney was Albany's every down back in '94.

Last season Albany ran for close to 2,000 yards as a team thanks primarily to McKinney (now at Laney College) who rushed for 1,284 yards and 15 touchdowns. McKinney certainly won't be replaced but if speedy Richmond High transfer Louis Macky or junior Theo Jerome can be half as productive at tailback as the all-league McKinney, the Cougars should be in good shape.

Freeman is expecting this year's offense to be a tad more balanced than last as he'll rely upon what appears to be a strong passing attack led by QB Burlin Germany.

Germany passed for 857 yards See COUGARS, page 8

## Remembering the old Coast League



Jeff Lindquist

outs outfielder Dino Restelli tells about the time he ignored a foul sign and hit into a triple play. Teammates, pitchers Lloyd Jackson, center, and Larry Powell, listen.

## Mavericks win Santa Rosa tourney

Berkeley's ACC Mavericks 19 soccer team opened its 1995 season with a bang, winning the Santa Rosa Invitational last weekend.

Drawing a European team in the first round, it controlled the first half of play but were unable to penetrate the backfield of a well-organized TSV Spiechendorf team from Germany. Shortly after the start of the second half, Guillermo Ruiz put the Mavericks ahead, 1-0, off a brilliant assist from Carlos Blanco.

Carlos Soto then added a goal for a comfortable 2-0 lead. But TSV took advantage of a defensive lapse and scored midway through the second half. With 10 minutes left, Blanco scored to put the Mavericks out of reach for a 3-1 victory.

Olympic Development team midfielder Alex Ojeda played goalkeeper for ACC despite an ankle injury.

With only 10 players available (due to injury) for the second game, and unable to make any substitu-

tions, the Mavericks nonetheless outlasted the intense Santa Rosa heat and their opponents, Azzurri Del Acosta of Pleasanton, to pull out another 3-1 win.

Blanco stepped forward again, beating the goalkeeper and two central defenders with a beautiful flick for a goal and a 1-0 lead with 10 minutes left in the first half.

Pleasanton equalized just four minutes later and the game was 1-1 at the half.

The tension mounted and the Mavericks were starting to feel

the heat and their missing players. Soto, who had scored the opening goal of the first game, scored off an intelligent backwards cross from Ernesto Alvarado to put the Mavericks ahead, 2-1, with 15 minutes to play.

Kevin Wanene, one of two African-born players on the team, made it 3-1 off a 16-yard shot late in the game.

Under a point system, the Mavericks needed only a tie in their Sunday morning game against See MAVRICKS, page 8

## Wareham wins title on Mendoza's hitting

Juan Mendoza powered a 2-run double to cap a 3-run rally in the bottom of the seventh and drove in the winning run for Wareham Property which won the Berkeley youth baseball league championship, 5-4, last week over Mason McDuffie in the Junior Bantam Division (ages 9-10).

The game fittingly came down to a battle of the league's two best teams, with 9-1 records going into

the playoffs.

Wareham's offense was powered by Oliver Suttice (2-3, one RBI, 2 runs scored, 3 stolen bases); Rafael Mendoza (2-3, 1 RBI, 2 stolen bases); Chris Wilson (3-3, 1 RBI, 2 stolen bases); and Juan Mendoza, who had a single along with his game-winning double.

Danny Santa Cruz and Sergio Jackson combined for nine See WAREHAM, page 8



# Cougars

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and eight touchdowns in '94 and will only improve on those numbers this season with a strong pair of wideouts in senior Dante Troupe and junior Bruce Roberts.

Germany will also have a line that goes nine deep and whose average weight is well over 200 pounds. Newcomers Tommy Hampton, Doug Sims, plus veterans Bryan Clancy, Juan Aguilera, and Arman Zand will see most of the action up front.

Scoring points was never really a problem for Albany last season as it averaged 28.2 points. Defensively the Cougars gave up an average of 25.5 points which doesn't appear too shabby. Note however, that against quality offensive teams in '94, the Cougars defense was, to be bluntly honest, anemic.

Albany yielded an average of 45.5 points versus Moreau Catholic, De Anza, El Cerrito, and St. Mary's.

The prospects for seeing improvement on the defensive side of the ball appear good with standout D-linemen Clancy and junior Rickey Cyrus (5-10, 210-pounds) back along with Wilcox (an all-ACCAL middle linebacker in '94). The softest spot in the Cougars defense may be in the secondary with the departures of Anthony Bracy (all-ACCAL last season) and Carlos Blanco (five interceptions in '94).

The Cougars kicking game was dealt a blow last season when

placekicker Ko Douglas quit midway through the year to dedicate his time to soccer. Douglas has decided to forgo his senior season leaving the placekicking duties to Clancy. Theo Jerome will be Albany's punter as he serves as heir-apparent to Blanco.

To his credit Freeman has lined up what appears to be a formidable schedule. Aside from the fact that Albany must compete in the tough Rock division, the Cougars non-league schedule won't be a walk in the park.

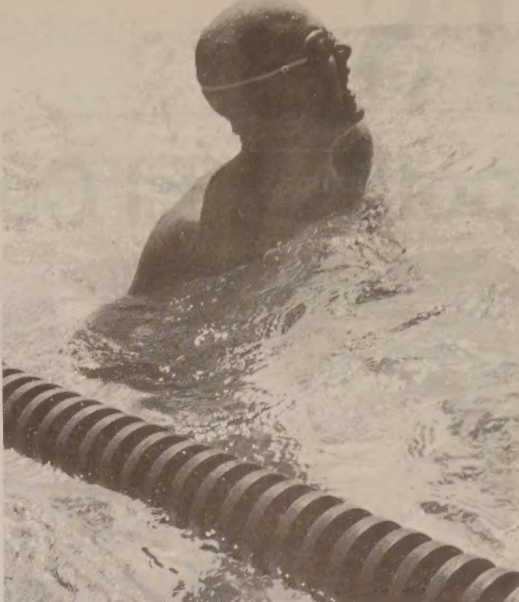
Albany clashes against non-league juggernaut Moreau which went 10-0 in the regular season.

Albany's league schedule features potential ACCAL Stone division title contender Piedmont, along with fellow Rock Division powers De Anza, St. Mary's, and El Cerrito.

"We'll battle with everyone," said Freeman. "It always comes down to who is going to win between the four main teams in our league (De Anza, St. Mary's, El Cerrito, and Albany). I'm not going to say anything about our chances. It's up to us and how hard we practice and how heady we play."

Albany is seeking members for an alumni association. Any alum can come to a practice at Cougar field between 3:30- 6 p.m. Members get into all Albany games free. The association asks for a \$50 donation.

— Scott Kaplan



Alex de Latour: Ranked 22nd in the nation in the 500 freestyle.

# Wareham

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strikeouts in six innings for Mason McDuffie. Coach Kwame Nitoto's offense was led by Mark Heisser (2-3, double, 1 RBI); Mike Jamison (2-3, double); Kenny Harris (2-3, 1 RBI); Arius Rice (double, 1 RBI, 1 run scored); and Jackson, who drove in a run and scored one.

On the road to the finals in the East vs. West playoffs in the Junior Bantam Division (ages 9-10), Wareham defeated Berkeley Water Ski in the opening round, then beat Cornucopia 9-3 in the semifinals. Cornucopia advanced to the semis by beating Lee Franks.


In the South vs. Central playoffs, Mason McDuffie was completely dominant, pummeling S.P.E.C., 20-2, then overpowering Bayer, 16-2, to advance to the championship game. Bayer beat Hotel Durant to gain a berth in the semis.

The Junior Bantam finals for the 11-12 age division was another barn-burner, with the Emeryville Astros beating Kona Kai Farms, 2-1, for the overall championship. In earlier games, the Astros beat Bay Area Urban League in the first round, then trimmed Big Daddy's, 8-3, the for American League championship.

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# de Latour swim to national rank

By Gray Cathrall

With a year to go at St. Mary's College High School, Alex de Latour is still making waves.

Two weeks ago he realized one of his long standing goals by competing at the Junior National Swim Championships, at Arizona State. In spite of swimming in the sweltering 118 degree heat, de Latour clocked 4-minutes, 20.18 seconds in the 400 meter freestyle in competition with the best distance swimmers in the U.S.

As his school's leading distance swimmer since his freshman year and its top overall swimmer the past two years.

Two weeks later he placed in the top four at the North Coast Section Championships, taking third in the 500 yard freestyle in 4:42.35.

The big news at North Coast, however, came in the trials when de Latour blistered the Olympic Pool in San Ramon with a 4:39.14

time in the 500 freestyle, 1.5 seconds lower than the time he won him the league championship.

His fastest-ever time of 4:39.14 earned him the Junior National title in the summer, and created a stone for his year-round team, Montclair Swim Team, in Haufli.

"Alex is my first male swimmer to make his Junior National cut (time standard). Anytime you win the Junior National, you attract a lot of attention from college coaches," Haufli said.

De Latour's times at the meet earned him California 16 honors in both events at the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. His lifetime best swim of 500 yard freestyle earned him an America honorable mention in NISCA for 1995, 22nd in the U.S.

"He's come a long way in a very short time," Haufli said.

# Mavericks

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Sacramento to claim the tournament championship. With 11 players but still no extras for substitutions, things started well.

Blanco scored his third goal of the tournament after a quick collective build-up that caught Capitols defense off guard. But the Caps stormed back with two goals in five minutes to shock the Mavericks and claim a 2-1 lead at half-time.

It was the first time in the tournament the Mavericks trailed.

An impressive defense by Ruiz and keeper Carlos Blanco clamped down in the second half. Jesus Ponce headed a Birruete service into the goal for a 2-2 tie.

A few minutes later, Ponce at it again. Alvarado drew the center defender out, then shot off to Ponce, who drilled a 20-yard shot into the top right corner for a 3-2 lead.

The Mavs put on a flurry of waning minutes and finally won for a 3-3 tie as time ran out.

# PCL

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home run to Bud Johnson, who was not known for his power. Johnson would slide into each base and then crawled into and kissed home plate. Ernie couldn't keep from laughing.

Pete Mesa, who after his playing days served as the superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District, said that the criticisms he fielded as a pitcher for the perennial last-place Sacramento Solons was great preparation for public office.

Seals outfielder Dino Restelli incurred manager O'Doul's wrath in a 1948 game at Oaks Park. With runners on first and second, Lefty flashed the bunt sign. Restelli noticed Oaks' third baseman Dario Lodigiani

creeping up the line, so he hit away, a rocket Dario speared and rifled to Billy Martin (or was it Ray Hamrick?) at second and then to first baseman Nick Eiten for a rare triple play.

A few of the Seals chuckled at the museum over their "Yogi Berra," Ted Jennings. One day Jennings, in the Seals Stadium outfield, looked up and observed, "The ducks are flying north to spawn."

While driving, a street was blocked by a sawhorse, but Jennings drove through it. "Yes, I saw it," he said, "but I honked." During infield practice, Ted spied a workman changing bulbs in a lighttower and drilled him with a ball.

"He shouldn't be changing the lights in daytime."

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# Opera for kids: what do they learn?

Opera Piccola's first life delighted young audience.

Don McConnell

Nothing else, my experience with *Chac*, a new work that premiered Saturday by Opera Piccola, taught me to read releases more carefully. On the whole, it sounded great: "The music... combines traditional Andean ballads, the rhythms and instruments of the Andes Mountains, even modern Latin-American music, rock 'n' roll, rap and musical theater styles."

The dissonances first began stirring when a woman rolled in a stroller, complete with gurgling 1-year-old in the row ahead of me. My reaction was to blame the manager, until I realized every party in the theater was a toddler.

By that time, I'd realized it was who was out of place, and the "piccola" in Opera Piccola meant not "little opera" but "opera for little people."

There were other hints. Ushers were fitting out half a dozen audience members with paper hats, and lining up other audience members with paper tortillas at the entrance.

The eventual audiences for the piece will be nothing but children, and the piece is designed to be presented at elementary-school assemblies, and Saturday's performance (as well as a second one coming Saturday) were set up for that.

Advised as entertainment, *Chac* is a resounding success with its audience, and I unreservedly recommend it to parents of young children—even very young ones. As a school piece, it does what it should: it teaches that as a school dwindle with sixth grade, certainly middle school. A boy about 12 further down in my row, and minutes into *Chac*, he began intently reading a book (I "orientalistically" because there was no near enough light to

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Michael Garcia is a Mayan rain god, Jaime Lujan a mischievous boy, in 'Chac,' Opera Piccola's new folk-tale opera that is aimed at young children.

he turns out to be so mischievous that they send him home, hopefully a little wiser.

There is plenty of artistry in the piece—in the minimal but evocative sets (by Kurt James Anderson), the costuming of the chacs (by Michael Garcia), and especially the music of Rafael Manriquez. This ranged from songs in fairly standard Latin American style (performed by Manriquez himself as "the singing chac") to sections of extended arioso (dialogue set to tuneful but more-or-less formless music) sung by Uuc.

The boy Uuc is played by a young woman, Jaime Lujan; both she and Manriquez have ingratiating voices. Manriquez sang half in Spanish, half in English, although the echo in the amplification made both indecipherable.

(These preview performances had the added element of a chorus—La Peña Community Chorus—which added quite a bit to several scenes; they will not be part of the school presentations.)

*Chac* will entertain kids; what it will teach them is more problematic. The script is a collaboration by Richard Talavera and Susannah Wood, and though their program bios don't mention it, they clearly have lots of experience as educators. Indeed, the

piece is almost a textbook of techniques for engaging young minds.

The primary technique is to present a world that is different and exotic—but not too different, and especially, not too scary. For instance, when Uuc wakes up to

**The excitement of encountering other cultures is not that, at heart, they are 'just like ours.'**

find he's been kidnapped by non-humans (potentially terrifying), he reacts with comforting brattiness: "Say it; don't spray it," he tells an angry chac. And the angry chac (played by Steve Ortiz) was enormously likeable—as he'd better be if he doesn't want to traumatize his audience.

Uuc is a total brat—sassing everybody he meets and dodging every responsibility—which by itself is enough to endear him to kids.

The lessons embedded in the text are also a hodgepodge: The chacs introduce themselves by telling us they create "water, agua, H<sub>2</sub>O." That's a worthwhile lesson, and Uuc later reinforces

it, referring to "H<sub>2</sub>O." When Uuc chops down a banana tree, a chac points out that he's destroying habitat.

These are good things for children to learn, but they are not authentic to the tale, and for me, they rob it of much of its magic. The excitement of encountering other cultures—particularly those that developed away from Mediterranean/European influence—is their fundamental difference. It is not that, at heart, they are "just like ours."

It may well be that pre-Columbian rain-forest dwellers respected trees, but more likely it was because they regarded them as beings with their own souls. Preservation of habitat is a concern of the post-Industrial Revolution world.

Having said all this, I concede that my notion of entertainment might bore young kids. On the other hand, *Chac* bored me to the extent that I left at intermission. I assume Uuc got home OK; I did, and sooner than I expected.

*Chac* will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Laney College Theater, at 900 Fallon St. (across Ninth Street from the Oakland Museum). Tickets are \$10 at the door (with some discounts). Call 658-0967 for reservations.

## East Bay Events This Week

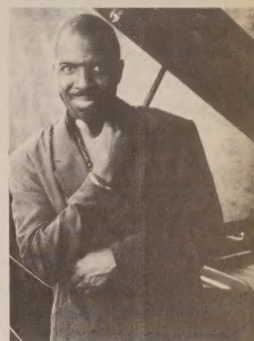
### Murasaki Ensemble: from koto to jazz

The Murasaki Ensemble combines the basic instrument of traditional Japanese music, the koto, and instruments with other cultural roots: flute (played by Matt Eakle of the David Grisman Quintet), guitar (Jeff Massanari of the Jess Massanari Quintet), string bass (Alex Baum) and Middle Eastern percussion (played by Vince Delgado, who also performs with the Zakir Hussain Rhythm Experience). The koto player is Shirley Muramoto. The music ranges from traditional to jazz, and you can hear it at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$8.50; call 548-1761.

### James Williams goes solo at the Maybeck

Jazz pianist James Williams plays a solo recital Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall, A former sideman of Art Blakey, Joe Henderson and Milt Jackson, Williams has also recorded and performed extensively as a leader. His latest CD is *Talkin' Trash*, with a sextet that includes Clark Terry, Billy Pierce, Steve Nelson, Christian McBride and Tony Reedus (on Columbia).

The Maybeck is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. The recital is at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$20. Reservations are advised: call 848-3228.



James Williams

### 'Good News': Woodminster season finale

The final musical at Woodminster Amphitheater this summer is the 1927 Broadway hit *Good News*. The songs are by B.G. De Sylva, Lew Brown and Ray Henderson.

Here's how Richard Chigley Lynch's *Musicals!* describes *Good News*: "The football coach at Tait College has a problem. His star player is temporarily ineligible to play in the big game because he's flunked his astronomy test. (In the 1974 film version with June Allyson, it was a French exam.)... 'The Best Things in Life Are Free' is the big song hit. The 1974 Broadway revival was described as being corny but fetching."

It opens Friday, Sept. 1, and plays at 8 p.m. Sept. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Tickets are \$11 to \$19, and children under 15 can attend free when accompanied by an adult (with some restrictions). Call 687-4225 (MUSICAL), or (415) 333-7827.

### Chinatown StreetFest this weekend

The eighth annual Chinatown StreetFest takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the heart of Oakland's Chinatown (on Franklin from Seventh to 11th streets, and on Eighth and Ninth streets between Broadway and Webster).

Over 90,000 people attended last year for a program that includes a "Cultural Village" (demonstrations of traditional Chinese arts and crafts), live entertainment (including Pete Escovedo, Big City Revue, White Crane Kung Fu, Tama & the Empress, Red Panda Acrobatics, S.F. Taiko Dojo, Swagat West Indian Dance Troupe, the Spirit of Polynesia, et al.), cooking demonstrations, and entertainment aimed specifically at kids. For more details, call 893-8979.

### Video contest winners at the Magnes

The 25 winning entries from the Second International Jewish Video Competition will be shown in continuous screenings at the Judah Magnes Museum (which sponsored the contest) starting Sunday and continuing through Nov. 5. The exhibit kicks off at 2 p.m. Sunday with an event that will be attended by many of the winning videographers. The museum is at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Call 549-6950.

### Free jazz in Oakland and Berkeley

Two series of free outdoor jazz continue this week. The 1995 Jupiter Jam series in Berkeley concludes with the Peter Apfelbaum Sextet, the Mike Henderson Blues Band, and Lady Bianca & the Magical Rhythm Section. The show is from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday on Addison Street between Shattuck and Milvia. Call 549-2230 for details.

Oakland's Preservation Park series continues tomorrow from noon to 1 p.m. with the Venezuelan folk music of Jacqueline Rago & Grupo Capana. Next week (noon on Friday, Sept. 1), it's the Caravan of All Stars Revue, featuring blues from the Mississippi Delta, Texas, Chicago and the West Coast. Preservation Park is between Castro Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, 12th and 14th streets, in the shadow of the twin-towered Federal Building. Call 874-7580.

### Art inspired by children

#### Two major shows open at Cal this week



Left: George Blake's "Baby in a Basket" (1974-87, cedar, abalone shell and glass beads) is part of the show "The Carver's Art of the Indians of Northwestern California," at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology. Call 643-7648.

Below: Allan Ramsay's 1743 oil painting is titled "Sketch of a Dead Child." It is part the show "The New Child: British Art and the Origins of Modern Childhood, 1730-1830," at the University Art Museum. Call 642-0808.



# Giving us all of Falstaff and then some

A fine traditional production accents humor of the Falstaff play.

Phyllis Lyon

Falstaff, as you like him, is a fat and feisty in the California Shakespeare Festival's penultimate

production of their 1995 summer season. The rotund blowhard everyone wants to see more of, including Good Queen Bess herself, is fattening up *Henry IV, Part I*, playing through Sept. 10 at the Bruns outdoor theater on the other side of the Berkeley hills in Orinda.

The second of a tetralogy of

plays dramatizing the rise of the Queen Elizabeth's Tudor forebears, *Henry IV, Part I*, follows hard upon the tragic demise of Richard II and foreshadows the triumphant rise of Henry V in Shakespeare's better known plays of the same names.

Neither tragical fish nor glorious fowl, this sequence falls into the bard's own category of historical-comical. English director Stephen Hollis, formerly with the Royal Shakespeare Company in London, brings out the best in the Festival's talented company, emphasizing the comedy and at the same time making the history painfully clear to people for whom the trials and tribulations of ancient kings is not considered riveting entertainment.

Uneasy lies the crown on Henry IV, nee Bolingbroke, played with regal authority by Robert Sicular. Guilt-ridden for having usurped the throne while Richard was off fighting the Irish wars, he must now put down a rebellion by disgruntled peers of the realm led by Harry "Hotspur" Percy.

Not the least of his worries is his son and heir, Prince Hal, who, according to the "smiling pick-thanks and base newsmongers," is not king material. Hal hangs out at the local with low life, swilling sack and hatching practical jokes with and on the known scapegrace Falstaff.

Daniel Pettrow, left, Joe Vincent (Falstaff) and Sam Gregory in 'Henry IV, Part I,' at the Bruns Amphitheater through Sept. 10 (photo by Ken Friedman).

From his first appearance in jeans and T-shirt amid the Elizabethan costumes to his triumph on the battlefield in royal blue uniform, Don Burroughs is outstanding as the wayward prince who comes of age and into his own. Enthusiastic in youthful pranking, penitent enduring the lecture on behavior by his father, Burroughs is the model of a handsome prince.

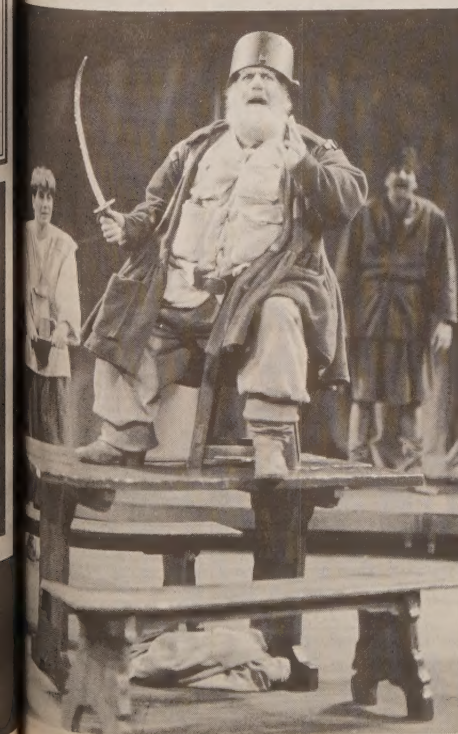
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Hal's young counterpart, the hot-headed, "hare-brained" rebel leader Hotspur, is played with winning vigor and a charming Yorkshire, or is it Lancashire, accent by Martin Kildare. Notable among the rebels are the superstitious Owen Glendower, leader of the Welsh faction, played as a wizard by Julian Lopez-Morillas, and James Carpenter as the "ever-valiant and approved" Scot, Douglas.

That's the historical. The comical lies mainly in the pudgy hands of Falstaff, one of Shakespeare's most famous funny men, who first saw light of stage in *Henry IV, Part I*.

Festival veteran Joe Vincent, miraculously shorter than his early-summer Julius Caesar, is the consummate Falstaff tip to toe.

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# Charlie Hunter Trio: the upside of hip-bop

Charlie Hunter Trio, Yoshi's Nitespot, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 1, \$8; 652-9200.

By Sam Prestianni

A couple of years ago US3 attracted mass media attention with their cool hybrid of hip-hop grooves, rapped lyrics and classic Blue Note samples. For a few months the nation hopped to this new flow of hip-pop as MTV launched the sound to an audience of youthful listeners.

At the same time, other groups on both coasts—Jazzhole, Solsonics, Groove Collective—were kicking similar sounds on their debut CDs. The distinction of these groups lay in their use of live instrumentation (often upright bass, acoustic drums and, of course, horns) and a deeper reliance on the sultry soul of '70s grooves.

Bay Area bands Alphabet Soup, Broun Fellinis, Hueman Flavor and other woodshedding units often put together by Josh Jones, Kenny Brooks or Charlie Hunter were developing their own kinds of new grooves by jamming in clubs all over the Bay Area. Trend-savvy managers, publicity agents and the local media christened the phenomenon with a deluge of "new jazz" tags—"hip-bop," "acid jazz," "hip-hop jazz"—and the so-called scene was born.

This misappropriation of the jazz term caused quite a stir in the traditional jazz community. In clubs like Yoshi's I often overheard musicians and others of the jazz cognoscenti deriding the hip-boppers without restraint:

"The saxophonist in the Broun Fellinis can't even play."

"Yeah, but they're so fashionable in their hip suits."

"James T. Kirk (who cover tunes by James Brown, Thelonic Monk and Rahsaan Roland Kirk and who are now known as T.J. Kirk) disrespect the music."

"Alphabet Soup is cool, but it ain't jazz."

After all, these groups mostly kick backbeat dance-cum-funk grooves with R&B/quirk-bebop extended solos, which often never quite swing and rarely go over the top, and yet they have attracted an inordinate amount of media attention compared to the overt disregard the more "jazzlike" artists consistently encounter from the local press.

We could trace the roots of this jazz-tinged funk to Miles Davis' funky period of the '60s. Ever since then, jazz has not been the same. Not that it should be static; quite the contrary, the music should always be moving forward. But the shortcomings of most of the "acid jazz" approaches are so blatant that dubbing the scene in any way jazz-based would be merely laughable if it didn't take away potential work (and audiences) from the cats committed to a life-long exploration of the genuine article.

It's immediately audible when listening to the recent debut disc from Broun Fellinis, *Aphrokuist Improvisations Vol. 9*, that the trio is more concerned with creative

spelling and Funkadelic-inspired lyrics—"Soulogik Syntax," "Q Phlat"—than pushing the envelope of jazz improvisation.

The *UP&down Club Sessions Vol. 1 & 2* ideally document the suave Soma scene with contributions from all of the popular names, including Josh Jones, Charlie Hunter, Dred Scott, Kenny Brooks and true jazz veteran Eddie Marshall. The vibe is positive and groove-heavy—sultry and slick with Hueman Flavor, funky and bumpin' with the Charlie Hunter Trio. Yet too often, ambitious efforts to infuse the funk with the freedom of jazz improv seem restrained by playing techniques which are not yet fully formed.

Berkeley-bred guitarist Charlie Hunter is the acid jazz scenester with the most authentic jazz chops, a fact legitimized on his trio's funky Blue Note debut *Bing, Bing, Bing!* While he dismisses the media tags (sometimes

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calling the hoopla "acid jazz"), the innovative eight-string guitarist relishes turning on younger crowds to the jazz traditions.

He reasons, "They're hearing us do music that's in the jazz lineage but that also relates to music that they've grown up to."

Influences he cites range from Led Zeppelin to Stevie Wonder.

One can hear more of these popular influences on the eponymous Warner Bros. debut from T.J. Kirk, Hunter's quartet with drummer Scott Amendola and six-string slingers Will Bernard and John Schott. Unfortunately, these good-time grooves of "updated" (some say blasphemous) reworkings of jazz and funk classics are fairly unpalatable dilutions. Thankfully, by the group's own admission, the tunes are not intended as jazz by any stretch of the imagination.

Hunter's work with his trio leans much more toward the jazz end of the musical spectrum. He taps the organ traditions of Larry Young, Jimmy Smith and John Patton through a customized sound he's developed which gives his guitar a cool organ timbre. Generally, Hunter lays down a wash of colorful chord voicings while tenor saxophonist Dave Ellis blows inspired solos on simply digested melodies.

Even though this is pretty easy listening—the group's take on Nirvana's "Come As You Are" is a only a step or two removed from Kmart muzak land—years of dedication to crafting a unique groove cool have resulted in a singular Charlie Hunter Trio sound that never fails to instill an infectious energy in live performance.

Celebrate the group's East Bay CD release party at Yoshi's Nitespot on Friday, Sept. 1. Sets start at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

# Teaching tools: poetry, candy, love

■ *Miracles happen in classrooms, but not by bribing kids with candy bars.*

By Renata Pelt

As a recovering English teacher, I knew there was no way I could get out of seeing *Dangerous Minds*, in which Michelle Pfeiffer plays ex-Marine English teacher LouAnne Johnson.

It's a high-minded movie born of an idealistic faith in: (a) adolescents' essential goodness and love of learning; and (b) the power of the right teaching method (or, in "educationese," methodology) to bring that out. What it isn't is any plausible representation of the life and times of a real-life inner-city high-school teacher.

In Canadian director John N. Smith's film, based on LouAnne Johnson's much more suitably titled memoir *My Posse Don't Do Homework*, LouAnne, freshly out of the Marines and newly separated from her husband, is offered a full-time job teaching in "The Academy," a school-within-a-school for "special," "passionate" (read: out-of-control, violent) kids in Palo Alto.

Her classroom—and despite the fact that she's given a full-time job, we see her only in front of this one class—is no blackboard jungle. It's a blackboard zoo.

LouAnne is a quick study. From her first day's prim suit and lace-edged blouse she quickly moves to jeans, black leather jacket, and boots (firmly planted on the desk). Informing the class of her Marines background, she teaches them a few karate holds and tosses them candy bars for supplying correct answers.

Oddly, the Marine angle is never brought up again, and Pfeiffer comes across more as a



Michelle Pfeiffer plays an ex-Marine who takes on a class of tough students and wins to the joys of learning, in *'Dangerous Minds.'*

suburban Lady Bountiful than a street-savvy dame who could flip a 300-pound assailant over her shoulder. She's so vulnerable you wonder how she ever survived

## Her method of teaching-by-bribery eventually yields to teaching-by-love, when all the students fall in love with her.

the Marines—let alone high-school teaching.

LouAnne complains about her pitiful salary, yet she can afford to bribe her class with a trip to the amusement park, dinner (for three top students) at the town's fanciest restaurant, and a \$200 loan to Raul (Renoly Santiago), the tough-sweet kid who's got him-

self in hock buying a jacket to wear to the dinner.

Her method of teaching-by-bribery eventually yields to teaching-by-love, when all the students fall in love with her. But then, unlike the "kids" in another current movie, *Kids*, these teens without exception have hearts of 24-karat gold. They're played by a talented cast of unknown or little-known, mostly minority actors.

She fails with only two people: Emilio (Wade Dominguez), the baddest dude in class (not that he doesn't adore her, but she's unable to protect him from coming to a violent end), and one mother who says her sons aren't going to stay in a class that teaches *poetry*. (Incidentally, if she were really hip, LouAnne would give them rap lyrics to study rather than Bob Dylan poems, which must seem as exotic to these teens as the Dylan

Thomas works she sees

It's of course the way LouAnne moves from the kids' lives to opens their minds to them that they, like the poems, are capable choices. It's a message like to believe in; how true it is for kids.

What is true is that happen in classrooms don't think Butterflies have the power to be about.

# Falstaff

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From grey hair curling over the bald spot to a mincing fat-guy walk, Vincent sticks with and enhances the traditional picture of the blustering topos whose eye is always on the main chance, who can explain away thieving—"Tis no sin to labor at my vocation"—or cowardice in battle—"The better part of valor is discretion."

And what better road to fame and fortune can Falstaff hope for than friendship with Prince Hal, the youthful king-to-be. Playing surrogate father with a crooked scepter and pot-crown may be a semi-serious lark, but blood will tell, and his ultimate rejection by the prince is foreshadowed.

Putting their individual stamp on their roles as drinking buddies,

and members of Plump Jack's ragtag army, are Michael Santos as the red-nosed Bardolph; Tommy A. Gomez as Poins; and Daniel Petrow as Francis, the waiter. Wanda McCadden is the merry tavern-keeper Mistress Quickly.

At play's end the prince proves his royal worth by overcoming Hotspur in single combat on the Shrewsbury plain. But even then Falstaff claims the credit and gets away with it.

In creating the hilarious artful dodger, Shakespeare's comic genius seems to have run away with him. When he tried to kill him off in *Henry V*, Falstaff fans wanted more. And if you're queen, of course you get it.

Falstaff's attention-grabbing character, in fact, makes it difficult to take any of *Henry IV, Part*

I, seriously. Fortunately, with the festival's fine, traditional production which accents the humor, you don't have to.

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## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

## &amp; M Auto Body new member

Have you ever rated an auto repair shop an "A Plus"? Marie Simpson is giving ratings to Bob Manini and staff at D & M Auto Body, 189 Eastshore Highway, who recently repaired damage to her Volvo.

One would never know there was ever damage to her car, as repair work was done so expertly it looks the same as

consider him (Manini) and staff to earn this top rating for superb service and also consider his price range fair for amount of work you would expect to be done," Simpson boasted.

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staff has years of experience and releases quality work only, regardless of model or age.

In 1976 Manini and Jim Durante opened their shop on Cleveland Avenue, having to relocate almost three years ago along with several businesses in that area due to Caltrans needing the property. Durante passed away three years ago.

The new location can be reached by entering Eastshore Highway Frontage Road from Gilman Street just before reaching the freeway.

Golf is one of Manini's favorite pastimes, playing at the Richmond Golf and Country Club, where he is a member. Two of his golfing buddies are Al Martinez, owner of Solano Avenue Pharmacy, and Bud Rooney, former Albany Parks and Recreation Director.

A longtime member of the El



Bob Manini, D & M Auto Body

Sobante Boys' Club, he coached baseball, football and basketball when his sons Scott and Steve were younger. A senior at Cal, Scott plays centerfield at UC-Berkeley, while Steve coaches the Pinole

Seals Swim Team.

Whenever he gets the opportunity, Manini gets in a bit of travel.

## Albany Pasta Fest

Not only is the Albany Pasta Fest coming soon, but we will be able to accommodate more guests at one time with the opening of the Royal Cafe's new Fountain Patio.

The Pasta Fest dinner will be held at the cafe, 811 San Pablo Ave., 7 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9.

This is the seventh annual dinner made available by cafe owner Majid Mahani.

Albany Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be serving a capon breast, homemade pasta with Mahani's special pesto, salad and homemade dinner rolls.

The board members find this event one of the most enjoyable and successful fund-raisers of the year.

The ticket price remains the same at \$12.50 per person.

A no-host bar serving cocktails, wine, beer and soft drinks will be available.

Pre-purchasing dinner tickets will guarantee a reservation over people buying tickets at the door.

Mahani's preparation must include a tentative count by Tuesday, Sept. 5. Reservations must be made through the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., or by phoning 525-1771 weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Pasta Fest is traditionally held on the eve of the Solano Avenue Stroll, which is scheduled this year for Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Co-chairing the dinner are Amelia Chellew (Sumitomo Bank) and Al Caruso (Farmers Insurance).

For additional information, phone the Chamber of Commerce's office.

## Chamber of Commerce Window Displays

One of the benefits of being an Albany chamber of Commerce member entitles the member a minimum two-week window display per year to promote products and services.

Due to the heavy foot traffic on Solano Avenue, the Chamber's window displays are always attractive and filled with information regarding member's services.

Currently the display is of low-cost origami money trees made to order for special occasions such as baby showers, weddings, birthdays, etc.

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The musical world lost a giant last week. I'm not referring to Mr. Garcia either. Unlike the famed rock and roller, Marty Paich was not a household name, but his work was. His artistry encompassed everything from composing, arranging, conducting and producing to musical director and cowboy.

Long before the Pointer Sisters, Sheila E. and Hammer brought recognition to Oakland through their musical achievements, Paich had already made tremendous contributions. His musical roots were planted in Oakland where he attended Lowell Jr. High School and McClymonds High School. At age 12, the Oakland native began arranging and by the time he was in high school he put a band together and appeared at Sweet's Ballroom opening for many of the big bands of that era.

After a stint in the Army where his musical talents were also utilized, Paich relocated to Los Angeles to further his studies. He studied composition with Arnold Schoenberg and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. His career began as a jazz pianist where he worked with many top vocalists and recorded solo albums before arranging the works of others.

His arrangements can be heard by such stellar artists as Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Mel Torme, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Sarah Vaughn, Aretha Franklin and fellow Oaklander Tramaine Hawkins. The list goes on and on. He produced and arranged *The Way We Were* for Barbra Streisand and if you were one of four million who purchased Natalie Cole's *Unforgettable* album, you have been touched by the gifts of Marty Paich.

In television, he received an Emmy for *Ironsides* and was musical director of *The Sonny and Cher Show*, and *The Glen Campbell Show*, to name a few. In recent years, he branched into film where he contributed as an orchestrator as well as conductor. Film scores such as *The Fugitive*, *Pretty Woman*, *Flatliners* and *Prince of Tides* are just a sampling of his efforts. He once told me that he had worked on 25 pictures in four years. Quite an undertaking, I recall thinking, about this energetic man that was pushing 70.

I last saw him conducting a 104-piece orchestra for Wyatt Earp in May of '94. Little did I know that this was to be his last picture. A new challenge had entered Marty's life — cancer. And he took it on with the same spirit and drive that defined him during his life.

While his career was demanding, he never forgot his Oakland roots and always made time to stay in touch with family and friends in the area. One of his dreams was to return to Oakland and conduct a concert benefitting Oakland school children musically. While it was close to being realized, fate intervened. Which brings me to this, if the message of Marty Paich's beginnings — a youngster encouraged musically through our public schools — is not noticed and the decline of music programs continues, how many more Martys may be lost to the world? Not a pleasant thought, but a valid concern. The legacy of Marty Paich's work will live on. In the meantime, there is new work to be done.

Marty Paich died at his home on his ranch in Santa Inez on Saturday, August 12, just moments after the Oakland Raiders returned home to play in Oakland. I like to think he orchestrated a bit of that.

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**MUSICAL NOTES:** Pianist James Williams appears Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall in Berkeley. The performance will be recorded as well...Joel Dorham brings his Latin Jazz Octet to City Center next Wednesday, Aug. 30 from noon to 1 p.m. The free concert will be Dorham's 7th appearance here and also mark the 72nd birthday of his brother — the late jazz trumpeter Kenny Dorham.

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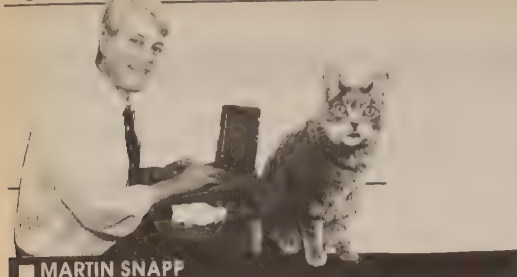
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■ MARTIN SNAPP

Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah: I don't know why, but several young people from my past have cropped up again lately.

First, Nika Dahlbacka and her good friend Rachel Phillips, two 10-year-olds I wrote about last spring when they won Oakland's Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest.

This summer brought another first: their first full week away from home, at the Girl Scout summer camp near Soda Springs.

Shortly after the girls left, Nika's parents got this letter:

Dear Family,

The ride in the bus was long and boring. We were going about 20 M.P.H. the whole time. When we went to the dining hall everything to eat was disgusting (sic). I'm scared and I miss you a lot. I hate it here — there are tons of bugs and it is ugly and right now it is starting to rain and our tent isn't even up yet. This is going to be the worst week of my life!

Love,

Nika

The next day, this letter arrived:

Dear Family,

Please ignore my other letter because now I am having a great time. Today we took our swim test and I made two new friends! Rachel and I are keeping our tent clean like daddy told me to. Oh ya there are a whole bunch of moskitos (sic) and ticks. But my Skin So Soft works great and so does After Bite. I have 4 moskito bites and this girl here has about 40 moskito bites! Well I love and miss you all.

XOXOXO

Love

Nika

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Next, we have Ariel Jacobvitz, another 10-year-old Oaklander. I wrote about Ariel two years ago, when she was auditioning for a spot as one of the Children's Fairyland Storybook Personalities. (I said she had "the world's sunniest smile.")

She got the job, too. Last year she was Goldilocks. This year she's Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz."

But that's just her day job. Her real gig is playing Helen Keller at the Maskers' Players production of "The Miracle Worker," which is running now through Sept. 30 in Point Richmond.

And yes, she still has that million-dollar smile — although, as her mom points out, "she doesn't have much opportunity to display it in this part."

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Meanwhile, have you noticed anything different lately about the Montclair Rec Center?

The fence between the Rec Center and the Lucky parking lot, which has been a safety hazard for so many years, now has a stairway going through it. Now people won't have to climb (and fall) over it as they descend that steep hill.

The stairs look like they've been there forever, but actually they've only been there for a month. They were built by 18-year-old Andrew Sawyer.

I first met Andrew 10 years ago. I was coming out of the Village Market on Broadway Terrace when this cute little Cub Scout came up and charmed me into buying a Scout-O-Rama ticket. (His trick was to utter the magic words: "Aren't you the guy with the cat?")

That was Andrew. It was at the very beginning of his scouting career.

Now I'm writing about him again at the end. Last Thursday, he was awarded the coveted Eagle Scout distinction. (The stairway was his Eagle Scout project.)

You might wonder where great kids like this come from, and in Andrew's case I have an idea.

His mom, Marcy, was his Cub Scout den mother. (Den 6, Pack 202) And Andrew is just one of four kids in Den 6 who went in to make Eagle Scout. (The others: Evan Mager, Roger Queen and Clayton Schloss.)

So what was her secret? "It must have been the day they were acting up, and I broke the Candle of Good Behavior in half," she says. "Normally, you'd just put out the flame, but I picked up the whole thing and broke it in two. That got their attention."

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**Shoulder To Shoulder:** Felicitations to all the women of America on the 75th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, a bit of common sense if there ever was one.

The actual anniversary is this Saturday, and there will be celebrations and parades all over the country, including the big one in Washington, D.C.

Locally, the celebration takes a practical turn; a combination yard sale/party to benefit the Women's History Library and National Clearinghouse on Marital and Date Rape. It'll take place all weekend at 2325 Oak Street in Berkeley, near the Rose Garden.

Like the 19th Amendment itself, a women's history library is an idea whose time is way overdue.

And I'm not being politically correct about this. I just know a good story when I see one. You think Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan are colorful characters? They have nothing on Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

One of the prime movers behind the library is Laura X, a veteran of the Free Speech Movement. (How many of us can say that?) Anyway, did you see the story in the newspapers last week about the Tennessee legislator who cast the historic deciding vote in favor of ratification because his mother told him to?

It's a charming story, and it has the added virtue of actually being true. But it's not quite the whole story.

Laura was chatting on the phone with Pete Seeger the other night. (And how many of us can say that?) Seeger told her that the reason the guy's mother told him to do it was because she got a visit from an official of the National Woman's Party. And that official was Seeger's aunt, Anita Politzer. Small world, huh?

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**Manly Men Among Manly Men, Full Of Manly Manhood:** Finally, did you see those cadets at The Citadel whooping and shouting and chanting, "All male! All male!" after word came that Shannon Faulkner had quit?

Were you thinking the same thing I was thinking? Namely, these guys were just a little bit too happy not to have women around.

I mean, there hasn't been a scene like that since they closed the gay bathhouses in San Francisco.

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Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone Martin at (510) 273-9543; write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or E-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org or CATMAN666@AOL.com.

## Rogers

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Rogers said.

"If we have to make decisions at the state level to raise taxes or cut bureaucracy I want to do that before we dismantle local government any further," he said.

Rogers said he never promised to serve a full term.

If he were elected to the assembly he will serve only two of his four-year term on the board of supervisors. Rogers said he thought the two-year period was adequate to get done what he wanted to do. If part of his agenda didn't get through in that time it likely wouldn't have happened in four years either, he said.

Rogers, 39, was elected to a four-year term on the Richmond City Council in 1991. He vacated his seat to become a supervisors last year.

He is also the former vice chair of Common Cause, a statewide group dedicated to campaign finance reform. Rogers, an attorney, graduated from UC Berkeley in 1977, earning his law degree in 1980 at UC Davis.

Rogers, who has a law practice in Oakland, is perhaps best-known for his late night television commercials in which he promotes himself as the

"People's Lawyer."

The thrust of his campaign message for assembly is the same as it was in his bid for supervisor: Challenging a "corrupt" system run by special interests and insiders.

"I am adamant that the real issue in Sacramento is a corrupt and dysfunctional system — not the 'issues' that inevitably appear as symptoms of the disease," Rogers said in a written statement.

Four other Democrats are running for the 14th Assembly District seat, which runs from Oakland through Berkeley and into Richmond: Berkeley City Councilwoman Carla Woodworth, former Albany Mayor Robert Cheasty, Dion Aroner, who is Bates' chief of staff, and Mark Friedman, the chief of staff for Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan.

The opposing campaigns were quick to go on the attack. They criticized Rogers as an opportunist willing to buy himself a job in Sacramento.

"He campaigned to do a job, he got hired for that job, and now he's leaving after a year," said Rich Schlackman, campaign consultant to

Robert Cheasty. "This is ambition at its greatest level... He's nothing more than a typical politician. He keeps running and running."

"He seems to suffer from political attention deficit disorder," said Peter Tannenbaum, the campaign manager for Carla Woodworth. "He gets himself elected and immediately loses interest and then runs for something else."

Unlike the four other relatively unknown candidates, Rogers has name recognition.

But it's Rogers' potentially deep pockets that gives opposing campaigns the most pause. In a crowded race where local money is going to be stretched thin, a personally financed campaign war chest may come in handy.

The perception is that Rogers is the nine hundred pound gorilla in terms of money because he has so much," said Judith Barish, campaign coordinator for Mark Friedman. "Whether that turns out to be true is another story."

Schlackman said Rogers' candidacy definitely raises the financial stakes.

"That doesn't mean you have to

match him, but you don't totally outpace him," Schlackman.

The four Democrats raised more than \$275,000 in seven months of 1995. In hand, incumbent Tom Lantos only \$50,000 to win in 1994.

While the original four candidates are thought to be nestled in the progressive party, Rogers' politics are ambiguous.

His support of campaign reform is likely to warm many progressives. But author of Richmond's law, something progressive libertarians opposed nationally.

Rogers said while he considers himself a Democrat, "I don't see being driven by any right ideological perspective."

In this Democratic more than 70 percent of 14th Assembly district Democrats — the map expected to determine Bates.

## Transit

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remain, termination of weekend services and transit employee lay-offs.

"The public needs to understand we are not crying wolf, we are broke — we have nothing more to cut," said transit district board Vice President Clinton Killian, urging bus riders to contact state and federal officials.

Among the speakers at the marathon meeting was Gerda Miller, an 82-year-old senior citizen recovering from recent heart surgery. She said

she would be willing to organize to stop the cuts if necessary, "even if it means going to Sacramento."

A representative from East Bay Center for the Blind, said the F, 6 and 15 lines are "the only way for our people to get to the center."

Mary Fowler of the Oakland Mayor's Commission on the Disabled echoed these remarks and spoke of the negative effect that the cuts would have on the disabled. A district director of Peralta College said that 1,200

students will be affected — many use the system for transportation, like students attending night school.

Oakland resident and parent Tracy Johnson said she does not drive and that her daughter is dependent on the bus for transportation to school.

Port employee Sharon Taylor spoke on behalf of 300 colleagues who work nights, weekends and odd hours at the Oakland Airport. She asked how they would get to work if the buses stop running at night.

A \$4 million bailout would have stabilized the next year giving the time to find funding sources was vetoed this month.

Wilson — an action by Killian called "mean-spirited."

The agency transport people a day, including students, he said. "We can use the funds for public transportation."

## Recycle

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came as a surprise a few weeks ago.

"We were shocked to find that in July we had lost about half our newspapers... about 70 tons of paper," said Dowdakin. "We lost \$8,000 of that month's income from those papers. (We haven't been able to calculate losses for cans and glass yet.)"

The recycling center's staff doesn't know how much tonnage was lost to theft; citizens may be selling some of their own newspaper or contributing it to paper drives.

Still, the number of calls the center receives each day makes it clear that much of the material has been stolen by those who will then resell it.

According to commander Scott Kirkland, less citizens call in the thefts to the El Cerrito P.D., though the

department welcomes such calls.

"Just like with any crime, the more involvement we get from citizens, the better able we are to respond," said Kirkland.

Taking other people's recycling is definitely a crime. Once the materials are placed in the pickup containers or in recycling pickup bins at apartment complexes, they become the property of the City of El Cerrito. The thief can be arrested for petty theft under the state penal code or the El Cerrito's municipal code if the cost of the materials falls under \$400.

The penalty for such a crime depends on the person's record and the amount of the loss. Some petty thefts (those under \$20, for example) may be reduced to an infraction. When the materials total more than \$400 in

value, the charge could be grand theft.

"There's no question that some people are making more money than that," Kirkland said. "People are basically making a living taking recyclables."

"The more we know about it, the more we can do," he said. "We do respond, we do take reports, and we do take it seriously. If citizens would help by giving us a call, we'd appreciate it."

Kirkland added that, while a vehicle description or license plate helps, the alert itself is the important thing. Officers have been made aware of the problem and are increasing efforts to solve it, he said.

The 24-hour dispatch number for citizens to call is 237-3233.

In the meantime, Dowdakin has

been meeting together with recycling coordinators from Berkeley and Oakland. Coordinators are calling their forces; their central issue is the problem of recycling thefts.

With grants made available from the State Department of General Services, both Berkeley and Oakland are now ideas in the air. In Oakland, she said, it is officers to work overtime; in Berkeley, it is the cost of marking systems; the materials are stolen; thieves attempt to sell them.

Currently, she said, a letter sent to the Department of General Services "to get some kind of agreement through the buyers which have rules limiting

## Facilities

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brought to the board's attention that the committee may be incomplete.

"The first thing that struck me is that there are no women on this committee. I don't consider myself a (strong) feminist, but we shouldn't miss an opportunity to present women as role models in our community," she said.

School Board members Peggy Thomsen and Diane McNenny said they had the same thoughts.

"The list struck me as well. There are some really capable women in this city who are professional as well," Thomsen said.

With that the board authorized the

## Alameda

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council moving forward without any reconsideration of their redevelopment plans.

"That handful of votes was not statistically significant. I think (the council) choose to see it as a clear mandate because it sneaked by."

It is Alameda's belief that many citizens who voted in favor of the plan amendment did so "because a lot

of people would like to see a revitalization of the Plaza." (The plan amendment authorizes the Redevelopment Agency to expend \$80 million where projected revenues will pay off the incurred indebtedness. Of that amount, \$20 million is specifically designated for redevelopment activity at El Cerrito Plaza.)

"I don't see an overall plan for the city," said Alameda, referring specifically to a proposal for a 3,800 seat, multi-screen theatre adjacent to the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station.

"It's hard for me to imagine reasonable people (setting) a complex twice as big as the Emeryville (theatre complex) one block away from a residential neighborhood," she said. (The developer has said the proposed complex is bigger than Emeryville's by several hundred seats, though the

middle school students and 950 high school students, based on demographic projections.

School Board member Marsh Skinner questioned the middle school number.

"I do have some concerns... The actual number has been as high as 800 recently. If we go with this we're going to need some really good planning to provide for it," she said.

Hudson agreed that the task of designing the new middle school be a challenge. (The site is considered by the state smaller than average for the number of students it will serve).

"There are going to be trade offs that are going to require some priori-

tizing. Some of those specialized may be ones that they can be used in other poses."

"One of the considerations we don't have the luxury of the project to the high school know the dollars are stretched far enough," she said.

Construction of the well as other district projects, is being financed by a \$10 million bond measure passed in 1992. Construction school is estimated to be but that figure doesn't include the cost of architects, land and furniture.

"I fear it would have double." "Look at Point Emeryville; ... they're not distance from any major area."

Alameda also worried development in the town might limit the Cerrito Plaza and the commercial areas.

"I fear it would have double." "Look at Point Emeryville; ... they're not distance from any major area."

She believes it was years before the district ment the kinds of "programs I think our students. At the same time, education is going on."

"We have accomplished what we're moving forward. We are not be done about redeveloping the district's indebtedness until a new state administration. On the other hand, the district's financial situation is not enough now to allow look at "educational for our students."

## Candidates

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community involvement ("by the time you get to give them your input, their minds are made up"), revamped hiring policies (to avoid teachers not being assigned to a classroom until weeks into the year, for example), and a "modernized downtown," in which proper planning and a responsible operating budget are central.

She pledged herself to work for better loan conditions with the state and "to reduce the outflow of unrestricted money from the general fund."

Among her community service, Harris-Pitts lists herself as a commissioner to the Richmond Anti-Drug Task Force, membership on the scholarship committee of the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, volunteer work at the district's Saturday school and participation as a high school football booster.

For a time, Harris-Pitts also worked as a high school math teacher in both Richmond and San Francisco,

Glen Price, an El Cerrito resident, talked about schools as potential "beacons of light" in the community, open places where all members of the community are involved. Price stressed the principles of non-violence as vital.

Price accused the board of a laissez faire attitude toward district problems, including that teachers are underpaid. If elected, he said he would emphasize safety through a violence reduction plan and would work to develop "alternate forms of discipline." According to Price, the district has "the highest suspension rate of almost anywhere in California."

He said he would "pursue a political solution" to the terms of the district's indebtedness, stress "empowerment" of parents, and find a way to pay teachers better.

After graduating from UC Santa Cruz, Price did community development work in Indonesia and Columbia. He now works as director of

development for the Catholic Youth Organization, which serves 20,000 young people. He, too, is a parent with children in the district.

Karen Ortega runs an auto repair business in Richmond with her husband; she was elected to the board in November of 1991, "after the bankruptcy in April." Her previous school involvement was mainly through the PTA and her own children's involvement; Ortega said she thought she knew a great deal about the district when elected but quickly discovered she knew very little and has been learning ever since.

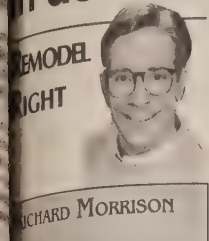
She said she was probably "more optimistic" in 1991 than she is now. At the same time, she believes the board has made positive changes.

"The main task I had... was to recover the district financially," she said. "We have done that. It was a monumental task... We have turned the debt around."

Ortega noted that the board has



## In defense of the low bidder



RICHARD MORRISON

Many homeowners getting bids for their remodeling project make the mistake of getting three bids, then throwing out the high and the middle bidder. The theory is the low bid is overpriced, the low bidder has probably forgotten something, and the middle bidder is the most likely to be accurate. In my opinion is that, unless the low bid is wildly low, homeowners are foolishly throwing money away with this practice of throwing out the low bid.

Foolishly deserves some explanation, though.

Homeowners who elect to use a competitive bid process are, in effect, saying to the contractors that a low price is an extremely important consideration. A contractor who chooses to bid on a project is therefore operating under the assumption that if they can be the most efficient of the bidders, they will get the job.

There are many reasons why a contractor's price would be lower than another's, totally unrelated to forgetting something or reducing the project's quality.

Some contractors have lower overhead than others; some work independently out of their homes, while others have expensive offices and secretaries. Some contractors are willing to work for less profit during slow periods to keep their crews busy. Some contractors get better discounts from their suppliers than others. And some contractors get competitive bids from their subcontractors, while others will just incorporate their favorite plumber's price, for example, into their own bid.

So it's not uncommon to see equally competent, equally qualified contractors who have prices that are 10 to 20 percent different on exactly the same project. On a \$50,000 project, this could easily translate to a \$5,000 saving just by using the low bidder. Why not?

Well, there are some times when the competitive bid process

doesn't work.

First, if the bidders have not been carefully chosen, you may not have equally qualified contractors. You need to do your homework and pre-qualify any prospective bidder. You should feel that any of the bidders would be able to do the job to your satisfaction.

Remember that it may take 30-50 hours of a contractor's time to put together a competent bid. If you don't feel that the contractor has a reasonable prospect of getting the project, please don't put the contractor through this exercise just because it's "free." Instead, find an alternative contractor that you do feel comfortable with.

Second, getting "apples-to-apples" prices is possible only if you have extremely detailed plans and specifications; detailed down to the door hinges.

If you get competitive bids without this level of detail, you are forcing the contractors to make assumptions about what you want. If they guess wrong, chances are that you won't know about the bad guess until it's too late.

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Elizabeth Opalenik

## Try this tasteful tour

Maggie Klein, owner of Oliveto restaurant, takes a peek at one of the featured kitchens on "A Tasteful Tour of Rockridge," a nine-kitchen and restaurant cuisine tour on Sunday, Oct. 8, noon to 5 p.m. The kitchens will offer samples of cooking from 10 renowned Rockridge and College Avenue restaurants. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day. For tickets, call Maya Byrne Nissanka 658-5897.

## East Bay college plans expansion to San Francisco

Grubb & Ellis Company recently sold 121,000 square feet of industrial space in San Francisco to the California College of Arts & Crafts, according to William Purcell, investment specialist.

He and DeWolfe Emory, office specialist, were the brokers for the transaction between the College and Greyhound Lines Inc.

The sale consisted of the buildings and a prepaid ground lease with an option to purchase. The buildings were sold separately.

The college plans to renovate the building, which will house the Schools of Architecture and Design, as well as complementary fine arts disciplines, according to Purcell.

This will expand the Oakland-based College's presence in San Francisco and effectively meet the demands of growing enrollment and increased public programming.

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# What factors determine whether property will hold its value

Where are home prices the highest in the Bay Area? San Francisco? Piedmont? You bet.

What are the determinators of value in homes? How can you use these determinators to purchase a property that will tend to increase in value, or at least not decrease in value? Where have property values been most stable over the past few years and where have they gone down the most?

You can figure this out. And then you need to decide if it is better to buy where values have gone down the most, or where they haven't gone down much at all. Each answer can be correct, depending on you and your goals.

Most of us balance many factors when we search for a home:

First, what do we wish to pay? Most people want to be a reasonable distance from work, but in a home they can afford. So the prime determining factor is our own

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budget.

Some people, even San Francisco commuters, have purchased new homes in the Central Valley and commute to work in van pools. Would they do this if they could afford the same housing closer to work? No.

So, proximity to work or some other important place is a big factor in value. A tract home in the Central Valley is perceived by East Bay homebuyers to be quite low in

amenities.

What other items are draws? We have sold or rented homes to people who have moved to Berkeley for as diverse reasons as schools, the Synagogue, and, of course, the university.

Many mid-30s single people move to Berkeley for the restaurants and social life, just as marrieds with children pop up in Piedmont. Berkeley seems to be a much more affordable option than San Francisco for urban singles.

Clearly these services or "amenities" create demand. Increased demand in an area of rather fixed supply creates higher prices.

Closeness to something important is key. A strong neighborhood or community school has always created demand. Families want to move to provide their children a quality school system.

This is, of course, a major factor in the strength of the Piedmont home

market. Even if you don't need a school, remember that when you wish to sell, a good school will bring you buyers.

Other amenities include good shopping, churches, transportation, and increasingly safety. If a neighborhood develops a reputation as a problem area, (crime, poor schools, traffic, noise, etc.) one does not want to try to sell a home there. Prices will be much lower than just a short distance away where this negative perception does not exist.

But, if you think the problem can be solved, it may be the least expensive house of its size that you can find, if you are willing to help solve the neighborhood problem.

I purchased a large home on Willard ("Ho Chi Minh") Park in Berkeley in 1982. It was about \$80,000 less (40 percent) than comparable property a block or two away. It was painted hospital green, full of students, and across the street

from a lot of people living in vans and buses.

I helped the students move by renting them the home I was moving from, changed the green paint in a few weeks, and got rid of the vans and buses in one weekend by calling the cops.

We still have to be vigilant about the park, but I was rewarded with a multi-acre green lawn in front of my house, maintained by the city, a wonderful view of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge and great breezes from the bay.

One resident led a neighborhood effort to spruce up the park. Needless to say, the house shot up in value, as did those of all of our neighbors as local conditions improved.

Location, location, location are supposed to be the three determinants of value in real estate.

But, are they always? There are recognizable cycles in real estate

values just as in all. Prices drop to a level intelligent and ambitious and all of a sudden starts to get fixed up people move in and properties, pretty soon hot new area.

Examples over time: Lyn Heights overlooking (NYC) where the beatniks that had deteriorating house status (used point in a housing cycle discovered by young returned to being a place).

Some people think penning in southwest. Certainly it has already on Fourth Street.

So, you can be a purchase in an already neighborhood where houses are very similar.

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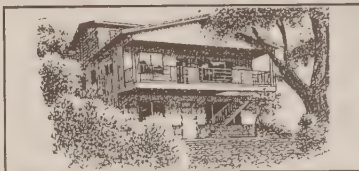
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3+BR, 1BA level-in 1920's home on a quiet street near transp. & shopping. Level-in, hwd flrs, trpls, FDR, nook and rooms for expansion. Owner will carry 2nd!  
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**HIDDEN HAPPY HAVEN-HALLELUJAH!..... \$259,000**  
Montclair sunny and so private. 2BR, den, 2BA in main 1600 sq ft home, separate studio w/full bath & wet bar. French doors from master BR open to spa.  
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**MONTCLAIR TRADITIONAL..... \$255,000**  
Private setting with creek & gardens draw you to this 2BR split-level. Hwd flrs, cathedral ceilings, seismic retrofit. Walk to the village!  
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**THE MOOD OF THE MEDITERRANEAN... \$253,000**  
Playful, sunny, splashed with color. 3BR, 2+BA Dutton Estates home is waiting for someone special. Relax in large fam rm, stroll under arched walkway.  
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Berkeley pristine 2BR, 1.5BA walking distance to Walnut Square/Solano shops. Nearly new int/ext paint, carpet, flooring. Reco cleared. Ready to go!  
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**REDWOOD HEIGHTS AREA-REDUCED!... \$215,000**  
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath with bay views on one level. 2 car garage with interior access. Truly a special home at a new affordable price.  
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**ALL LEVEL-GREAT LOCATION!..... \$195,000**  
Open Sun. 2-4:30. Attractive rancher built for wheelchair throughout. 3BR, 2BA. Lrg lot and great garden. Big eat-in kitchen. Fantastic price. 3467 Jordan Rd.  
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**DO IT THE EASY WAY!..... \$185,000**  
Move in and enjoy because all the work is done! Artistic owner has designed a beautiful home and garden maximizing all the charm of the original!  
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**GRANDMA'S HOUSE..... \$185,000**  
Cozy and immaculate Redwood Heights with hardwood thruout, big back yard, sun porch, 2 car garage, eat-in kitchen and walk to shopping and parks! WOW!  
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**A CLASSY WAY TO START..... \$179,500**  
You'll love this immaculate 3BR, 2BA home with its classic & comfortable feel. Large rooms, beautiful floors & baths and a wonderful fenced garden.  
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**UNBEATABLE VALUE!..... \$179,000**  
Enter through a sunlit porch to this charming bungalow in an established neighborhood. Family room could be third bedroom on a level lot with covered patio.  
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Unless you want to save money! This spacious attractive North Oakland home is way below market. 3 big BR, 2 full BA and large extra spaces. Better call.  
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**JEWEL OF MAXWELL PARK..... \$169,500**  
Totally polished split-level bungalow with fun new kitchen, updated bath and 1920's charm too! Great street, big view, 3BR plus a family room!  
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**COUNTRY CHARM!..... \$169,500**  
Sunny 3BR Millsmont home in excellent condition. Level yard big enough for playing and planting. Extra spaces & super storage. Terrific value!  
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Restored 1905 brown shingle with rich wood trims, high ceilings, family room or 4th BR. Plus new kitchen and baths, 2 car garage and big back yard!  
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NICK LAVROV 569-5603

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Very spacious 2BR with renovated family style kitchen and Extra lg usable lot for outdoor living.  
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**NEW LISTING - GREAT PRICE..... \$149,000**  
Split level 2BR charmer in great San Leandro neighborhood. Formal dining rm + eat-in kitchen, fireplace, hwd flrs and tile heat. Don't delay!  
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**LIKE NEW - GREAT PRICE..... \$133,000**  
6 yr old home. Lender owned with big down, financing available. Large yard. Good area.  
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**SELLER EXTREMELY MOTIVATED..... \$129,000**  
This is it. 3BR split level upgraded kitchen. Loads of storage. Formal dining. Hwd flrs, level back yard. Close to transit, fwy. Easy fwy access. Call.  
DAWN ELLIS 287-2643

**CONDO IN ALAMEDA..... \$119,000**  
2BR, 1BA, sweet condo in small complex. Half block from BART. This top floor unit is freshly painted and carpeted. New tile, large balcony. Pool!  
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# Dedication of East Oakland's Hismen Hin-Nu Terrace

David Davenport, executive director of San Antonio Community Development Corporation, presides at the recent dedication ceremony for Hismen Hin-Nu Terrace, a new mixed-income affordable housing development located between 25th and 26th avenues on East 14th Street.

The celebration was attended by neighborhood residents, community leaders and representatives of local and national financial institutions, including Larry Dole, executive director of Fannie Mae's National Housing Impact, who presided at the dedication.

The ceremony began with a song conducted by representatives of the Muwemba Band of the Ohlone tribe who are the indigenous inhabitants of the San Antonio district.

Built on the former Star Marine, the new building consists of three courtyards with townhouse apartments on the East side of the courtyard, apartment flats, a Headstart day care center, as well as commercial space featuring neighborhood-serving stores.

Hismen Hin-Nu came to fruition through a joint-venture between two local non-profit community groups: San Antonio Community Development Corporation and the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation.

The ribbon cutting ceremony followed by entertainment, refreshments and tours of the building.



Jeff Lindquist—STAFF

**The Ohlone tribe are the indigenous inhabitants of Oakland's San Antonio district.**

Above, right, Hismen Hin-Nu Terrace consists of three courtyards with townhouse apartments on the East 14th Street side of the courtyard, apartment flats, a Headstart day care center, and commercial space featuring neighborhood-serving stores. Below, right, Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris at the dedication ceremony. On his right is Joshua Simon, senior project manager for the development.



Jeff Lindquist—STAFF



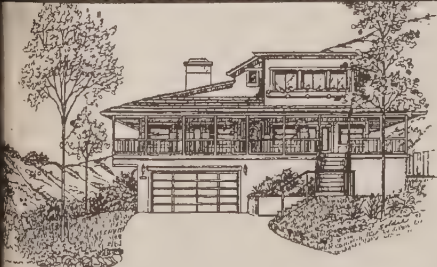
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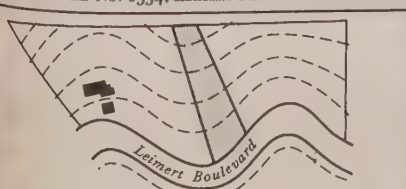
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- 6329 CHELTON. S.F. and Bridge views. Dramatic 4BD, 3BA contemporary in Piedmont Pines. Close to regional parks. Marie Kenaga 339-1774
- 6024 BROADWAY. Not a drive by, must see to appreciate gorgeous 2BD Tudor with separate 1BD apartment. Stan Hammond 839-5846
- 4284 ATLAS AVE. New listing in Redwood Heights. 3BD English. Large yard and spa. Charming home. Don't miss! Katie Meadow 531-7000
- 3924 ROBLEY TERRACE. Look at me! I've got 2 big BD, huge LR & DR, view, nice wide lot, basement & workshop too! Near Piedmont Ave. Wow! Frank Hennefer 654-6461
- 1200 EL CENTRO. Sunny corner lot, formal dining room, hardwood floors in living & dining rooms. 2BD, 1+BA. Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000
- 4444 PAMPAS. Motivated seller in this lovely 2+BD, 2BA home with random plank flooring, fantastic new kitchen, sunny yard. Don Dunning 482-2256
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- DELUXE 2 STORY TOWNHOUSE! High ceilings, living room with fireplace, large walk-in closet, washer & dryer inside unit, garage. 2BD, 2BA, pool, sauna. Lisa Weil 531-1653
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- NORTH OAKLAND CRAFTSMAN. 3BR/2BA home in excellent condition. Call Marlene Leverette 548-0709
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# Sign & Post Company

Number 110 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Open the trunk of an agent's car and what do you find? Open Home signs — usually several of them that rattle around and get in the way of groceries.

Not too many years ago, agents also drove around with For Sale signs in the car, plus hammer and pliers. Sometimes we had to climb through the shrubbery to mark our new listings, get that stake in the hard ground, then attach the sign. Thankfully, those days are over. Now we hire a company to do these things for us.

Occasionally I've encountered one of the Sign & Post Company drivers in person, and each time I was impressed. These guys are fast! A man drives up in a pick-up truck, an array of six-foot posts lying across the back. He jumps out, grabs a post-hole digger and goes to it. Scoop, scoop, the hole is dug. Plunk, the post is planted. He attaches the sign, gets back in the truck and he's gone.

If the sign was placed in a lawn, there is a neat little plug of grass sitting there, carefully carved out so it can be put back when the sign is removed.

Certain sites can present difficulties — a house down a lane, one with frontage on two streets, a property surrounded by concrete or rock or high hedges. The sign people can cope. They'll add an arrow pointing in the direction of a house not visible from the street, put up two signs — one on each street — attach the sign to the building or fence.

The agent can fax or call in instructions for putting a sign in a specific spot or can mark it with a surveyor's flag the company provides. For an extra charge, a driver will even make an appointment to meet the agent at the property.

Ken Geiger and Rory Bowie started their company in 1986 after the sign company they were working for went out of business. They now service nine counties, from Santa Clara up to Sonoma, and have nine drivers putting up signs five days a week. It costs \$23 to have a post and sign put up and later taken down, and this includes the loan of a post (they offer a choice of nine different colors) and warehousing of a real estate company's own signs.

They don't know until they can look at the orders each day what the routes will be. The computer pumps out the requests on separate pieces of paper, then Ken or Rory divide them up. Some drivers will go further and put up fewer signs, others will stay in a smaller area and install more. On one day one route might begin in mid-Berkeley going south through all of Oakland. The driver will put up 50 to 60 signs.

This seems like a lot of signs to me. On tour each week, we carefully plan the order in which we see houses, trying to fit in as many as possible. We have to move pretty fast to see 25 houses in four hours, and we aren't digging holes at each one. But Ken says that the sign company drivers know the areas



TAROFF & TALBERT

they service, don't even have to consult a map for most addresses, are practiced at digging holes quickly.

To beat the traffic, work begins early, about 5 a.m. at the company's Hayward warehouse. When a driver's work is done, when all his signs are up, he can go home — powerful motivation for him to be efficient. It takes a driver only about an hour to put his route in order and "pull" the signs and posts and load them on the truck.

He makes up a list of what he'll need that day, different posts, company signs and "riders" — the small signs that give an agent's name or say "Do Not Disturb." Sign & Post designs and paints custom signs and offers 60 different riders for rent, as well as boxes for brochures that can be attached to signs.

Don't they get lost out there on those winding streets in the hills? Run into rock-hard dirt? Get to a street and find that the address they've been given doesn't exist? Sure, these things happen, and they deal with them. They use a steel digging bar in hard earth, they call the agent who ordered the sign to check an address — they do whatever makes sense to do.

Sometimes they arrive at a house to find the owner there. He wants the sign "right here." That's where it goes. "We tell our people we are there to provide an important service," Ken says. "If the customer wants a sign in a certain place, we put it where he wants it. If there is no place to put a post, we ask the owner or the agent for permission to attach the sign on the house or on a fence. We're careful not to cause any damage. We put up the signs where they can best be seen."

Do the drivers like their jobs? They do. They like being outdoors, like being on their own, moving around. Even when it's raining? Yes. They take extra jackets, a towel, some hot coffee, and keep on trucking.

The Sign & Post Company put up almost 30,000 signs last year. They even put up one for us in the back yard of our office. They probably don't have much call for signs in back yards, but they were happy to accommodate.

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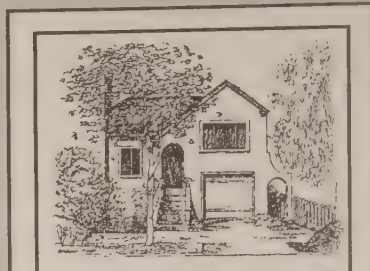
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3BR, 2.5BA, fireplace, family room, office, large back yard. Excellent buy! H. MANOR 339-8888, 644-0808

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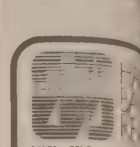
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**\$77,000 710 E. 22nd** bedroom, 1 bath, cond. maintained building w/ kitchen, large master bedroom, dry room & storage! Terry

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**\$127,500 842 4th** CHARMING! TAINED FAMILY include 3 bedrooms, china hutch in dining room and

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**\$169,000 4035 BAYVIEW** DUCATION! IN UTRICT! Three bedrooms, new paint, an on-site Turner 522 4641

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fordable housing opportunities for individuals who are considering purchasing property in Oakland.

Representatives from the lending industry will be on hand to pre-qualify prospective homebuyers.

Fair participants will be able to get information on a variety of housing opportunities including issues regarding home purchase,

credit and budget issues, title and escrow procedures and loan products available from the city and various lending institutions.

The public is invited to attend this free housing event. Realtors interested in participating and displaying listings of sale property should call OHND at 238-3056.

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| PIEDMONT SPECTACULAR<br>Spacious condition. Family room w/fpric, fabulous kit. & library. New court & gorgeous landscaping. JEANETTE ROACH<br>\$2,995,000 | PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL<br>Two-story, versatile floorplan, 3 plus bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, remodeled kitchen, & beautiful gardens. NANCY ROTHMAN<br>\$399,000     |

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| 1000 SCENIC AVENUE<br>Spacious abounds in this graceful 3-story traditional. Well-maintained architect, detail w/landscaped grounds. D. GRUBB JR.<br>\$925,000 | GORGEOUS CONTEMPORARY<br>4 bdrms/3 baths includes master suite and fireplace, w/fpric, deck & hot tub. Gourmet kitchen & hwdw floors. KURT BUCHHOLZ<br>\$379,000  |
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## Project

### Arching trellis ideal for vines

By Don and Dave Runyan

Here's an easy outdoor project for do-it-yourselfers of all skill levels, even those at the novice level. This latticework trellis beautifies the yard and garden and enhances a home's overall look, yet it takes only a day or two to finish.

Trellises are ideal for climbing vines and roses, and when combined with plenty of greenery and an adjoining picket fence, they make a charming addition.

This arching arbor trellis stands about 8-1/2 feet tall and can go over a backyard walkway, near a front entrance or along the side of the house. The framing is built from simple cuts of 2-by-3 redwood and 1-by-8 pine and the latticework from ready-made redwood laths.

The arbor trellis project requires just seven basic steps: cut the wood to size, frame the sides, nail on the laths, build the archway piece (the "bonnet"), nail them together, plant the trellis in two 12-inch-deep trenches (no cement needed) and apply paint or stain.

The Arbor Trellis plan, No. 613, is \$6.50 and includes step-by-step directions with 11 photos, a full-size traceable pattern for the bonnet and a complete shopping list and cutting schedule.

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| 1240 GRANDVIEW, BERKELEY - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$699,000<br>Just listed! Exquisite design & details, luxurious master. Teri Carlisle     | 12 SUNSET DRIVE, KENSINGTON - 2BD/1BA.....\$307,000<br>Nearly 1/4 acre, remodeled, great kit, gorgeous grounds. Rich Gould             |
| 6518 GWIN ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....\$675,000<br>Exquisite arched design with breathtaking panoramas. Dick Cohen               | 1427 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$299,500<br>Move-in condition, updated kitchen, level-out back yard. Wyn Stephens  |
| 12181 BLYTHEN WAY, SKYLINE - 4+BD/2+BA.....\$539,000<br>One-level, private setting, bay view, master suite, spa. Robyn Mohr        | 114 FLORENCE, UPPER ROCKIDGE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$299,000<br>Sunny 2-story trad, large eat-in kit, formal DR, roof deck. Joan Hause        |
| 708 GRIZZLY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$539,000<br>New quality traditional, family room, private hill views. Wendy Gardner | 1395 TREBLE GLEN, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 2+BD/1BA.....\$273,500<br>Just listed! Crocker beauty with bright spacious rooms. Thomas Wurst   |
| 775 ALVARADO ROAD, BERKELEY - 4+BD/2BA.....\$529,000<br>Striking bay/hill views, expansive deck, beaut. garden. Donna Costella     | 30 CONRAD COURT, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/2+BA.....\$269,000<br>Split level, cul-de-sac, 3 decks, master suite, double lot. Donna Costella      |
| 154 RICARDO AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/1+BA.....\$519,900<br>Elegant, spacious trad, prime lot, large back yard. Debi Fitzgerald       | 3726 VICTOR AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3+BD/2BA.....\$259,000<br>Sunny & cheerful, gorgeous LR, fam rm, great location! Michelle Miller |
| 245 CROSS ROAD, ROCKIDGE - 4BD/3BA.....\$500,000<br>Stylish new construction, beautiful detail, master suite. Patricia Scott       | 695 MARIPOSA #401, ROSE GARDEN - 3BD/2BA.....\$242,500<br>Penthouse! 1850 sq ft, large foyer, views, private deck. Connie Rogers       |
| 6801 GUNN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$499,900<br>Indoor atrium w/hot tub, fabulous kitchen, huge level yard. Chuck Corwin     | 4450 39TH AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1+BA.....\$236,000<br>New listing! Split level, hwdw flrs, plus rm, lovely garden. Nancy Chew  |
| 5850 PINWOOD ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$445,000<br>Beautifully decorated newer trad, large lot, close-in. Bonnie Hirsch      | 73 ELYSIAN FIELDS, SEQUOYAH HILLS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$233,000<br>Huge spacious w/fpric, master suite, great back yard. Georgia Richardson |
| 1814 TREBLE GLEN, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....\$429,000<br>Updated traditional on quiet tree lined street, family room. Nancy Chew     | 2528 NASON AVENUE, EL CERRITO - 2BD/1BA.....\$207,000<br>Quality home with Mt. Tam view, patio, garden, 2-car gar. Joanna Gould        |
| 5925 PINWOOD ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA.....\$419,000<br>Custom new construction, flexible floor plan, large yard. Tom Anthony      | 943 KEY ROUTE BLVD., ALBANY - 2BD/1BA.....\$200,000<br>Charming split level, eat-in kitchen, hwdw floors, new roof. Joanna Gould       |
| 5759 SCARBOROUGH DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$409,000<br>Elegant contemp, fabulous bay view, updated throughout. Nancy Chew   | 5340 BROADWAY TERR #509, ROCKIDGE - 2BD/2BA.....\$199,500<br>Best Claremont location! Great value! Move-in condition. Joan Daniel      |
| 8863 SKYLINE BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....\$399,000<br>Just listed! Exceptional value! Great spaces, Mt. Tam view. Teri Carlisle | 7541 VALENTINE STREET, OAKLAND HILLS - 2BD/1BA.....\$174,900<br>Country charm, move-in condition, upgrades, gardens. Vicki Woodhead    |
| 4335 SEQUOYAH RD., SEQUOYAH HILLS - 3+BD/3BA.....\$379,000<br>New listing! Large Medit, 1/3+ acre, rumpus, office. Vicki Woodhead  | 3945 HARRISON ST. #21, ROSE GARDEN - 2BD/2BA.....\$159,000<br>Upgraded executive condo in desirable 12 unit bldg. Claudia Ellinghaus   |
| 6078 COLTON BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....\$349,000<br>SF/GG views, gorgeous landscaped gardens & patios. Thomas Wurst           | 389 BELMONT #403, ADAMS POINT - 1BD/1BA.....\$115,000<br>Top floor corner unit, fpric, upgrades, in-unit laundry. Claudia Ellinghaus   |

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| SUPERB PIEDMONT ESTATE.....\$2,450,000<br>Albert Farr design. 5BD/4+BA, chef's kit, family rm, library, rumpus, elevator, pool, magnificent park-like grounds. Joan Daniel                 | RIDGEMONT VIEWS.....\$329,000<br>Cul-de-sac location with canyon & south bay views. 3BD/2+BA, cook's kitchen, family room, large level yard. Robyn Mohr                        |
| PRIVATE & BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED.....\$1,795,000<br>For active family & elegant entertaining. 5BD/4.5BA plus maid's quarters. Almost one acre. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham                 | ROSE GARDEN TRI-PLEX.....\$319,000<br>One spacious owner's unit: entire top floor with 3BD/1BA. Two additional units with 1BD/1BA. New exterior paint. Michelle Miller         |
| ELEGANT SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY.....\$569,000<br>Possible lease option! 5,000 sq. ft. home on quiet cul-de-sac. 4+BD/4+BA, master suite with fpric, gourmet kitchen/family rm. Sandi Klemmer | SERENE TREE SETTING.....\$279,000<br>Sharp contemporary, beam ceilings, hardwoods, upgraded kit/baths, flexible flr plan, new decks, yard potential. Teri Carlisle             |
| ITALIAN MEDITERRANEAN.....\$399,500<br>Slightly tilted 2-story living rm, 3BD/2+BA, master suite with walk-in closet, family rm, rear deck overlooks fenced yard. Chuck Corwin             | ADAMS POINT TRADITIONAL.....\$199,500<br>Reduced! 3BD/2BA including large master suite, updated eat-in kitchen, family room leads to gorgeous back yard. Kathy Flynn           |
| RIDGEMONT - BAY VIEW.....\$395,000<br>Impeccable home on cul-de-sac w/many upgrades. 3BD/2BA, loft with fpric, gated entry to private courtyard & garden. Robyn Mohr                       | CENTRAL MONTCLAIR LOCATION.....\$219,000<br>New listing! Spacious 2BD/2BA condo with master suite, eat-in kitchen, fpric, great outdoor space with patio & deck. Teri Carlisle |
| PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$385,000<br>Secluded contemp in excellent, conv. neighborhood. 3BD/3BA, den, unique hand carved teak throughout. Dee Dee Bonham                            | SPLIT LEVEL BUNGALOW.....\$179,000<br>This charming 2BD/1BA home features art deco touches. Hwdw flrs, curved brick fpric, French doors to level yard. Vicki Woodhead          |
| PIEDMONT PINES CONTEMPORARY.....\$379,000<br>Level-in with panoramic bay & canyon views. Beam ceilings in LR & DR, spacious master suite with hot tub room. Kirk Phillips                  | OLD WORLD QUALITY & CHARM.....\$165,000<br>Spacious split level Spanish Mediterranean. 3BD/1+BA, large upgraded kitchen, formal dining, basement. Georgia Richardson           |
| MOVE-IN CONDITION.....\$360,000<br>Piedmont Pines! 3+BD/3BA, spacious kitchen, formal dining, beam ceilings, extra large decks with yard & play area. Francis Heath                        | A VIEW OF THE HILLS.....\$152,000<br>Motivated! charming 2BD/1BA bungalow in great condition. Updated eat-in kit, fpric, DR, patio, landscaped yard. Sandi Klemmer             |
| MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$349,000<br>Four year old quality construction with fine architectural features in a private setting. 4BD/3BA, family room, decks. Joan Hause                  | SPACIOUS AND CHARMING.....\$139,500<br>This 2BD/1BA home offers ample space in every room. Formal DR, large eat-in kit, huge level fenced yard, bsmt. Thomas Wurst             |
| RICH ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL.....\$348,000<br>Located in the convenient Lakeshore area. 4+BD/3BA, gracious living rm, formal dining, wonderful terraced garden. Robyn Mohr                    | LAKESHORE CONDOMINIUM.....\$122,500<br>Spacious 2BD/2BA corner unit in great walk-to-shopping loc. Well designed floor plan, lovely courtyard, pool & sauna. Joan Hause        |

PACIFIC UNION

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Mark Trousdale

## Kudos for Kaplan

Kaplan Architects won First Place in the "Under 3,500 Square Feet" category in the American Society of Interior Designers' (ASID) 1995 National Interior Design Speciality Awards Program. The home is located at Broadway Terrace and Virgo in the fire area. ASID judges commended the kitchen's "sense of spaciousness and drama... created by designing a two-story volume filled with natural light." Edward Kaplan also won a 1994 National Honorable Mention Award from ASID and a 1992 design award from the San Francisco Chapter of ASID for the remodel of his parents' kitchen in Saratoga. Besides doing residential projects, Kaplan Architects is involved in a major renovation project on the Regency II Theater building at 1244 Sutter St. in San Francisco, and an office and retail complex called the 660 Center, also in San Francisco. Kaplan, a resident of Oakland, holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in architecture, both from UC-Berkeley. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and is a former president of the Board of Directors of Pro Arts.

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### EL CERRITO

**BEST PRICE/GREAT LOCATION**.....\$139,900  
2BR, 1.5BA, fireplace, deck, 1144 sq. ft. Walk to BART/shopping.  
#W34164 Cynthia Burke 510-262-0940

**VIEW OF MT. TAM**.....\$209,500  
NEW PRICE! 3BR, 2BA, partial bay view, 2 car garage. Move-in condition. Near Canyon Trail Park on quiet court. Low maintenance yard.  
#W33091 Dwight Christopher 510-254-1742

**FABULOUS REMODEL**.....\$239,500  
3BR, 1BA home. Approx. 1694 sq. ft. Hardwood floors under carpet, 2 car garage, formal dining room, master bedroom - 20x16. Remodeled kitchen. #W33974 Terri Marzetta 510-799-0279

**LARGE FAMILY HOME**.....\$249,000  
3BR, 2BA, over 1900 sq. ft., 2 car garage, plus room downstairs and basement. Hardwood floors! Nice backyard. #W33723 Sarah Lo 510-235-3983

### ALBANY

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**.....\$248,000  
2BR, 1BA, 1/2 block to Solano! Sun room, formal dining room, rec room, fenced yard. #W32761 Ren Partridge 510-758-6131

**EVERYTHING IS NEW!!**.....\$275,000  
3BR, 2.5BA, hardwood floors, tile kitchen, new appliances, garage, nice back yard. #W33593 Scott Rebusk 510-262-5585

### BERKELEY/OAKLAND

**VICTORIAN GRACE**.....\$122,000  
2BR, 1BA, lots of charm. Parity off kitchen, yard with garden area. Low down financing at below market rate. NO PMI. #W33005 Dwayne Bartels 510-222-4061

**NORTH BERKELEY FIXER**.....\$169,000  
Tri-level 3BR, 2.5BA. Walk to BART, shopping. Large fenced lot. Probate sale! #W33830 Jamie Lake 510-765-5960

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Bring your tools and grab a good buy! 3BR, 1.5BA, large lot, super living room with fireplace, PRICE REDUCED! #W32996 Dwayne Bartels 510-222-4061

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**ONLY 4 YEARS OLD IN THE ANNEX**.....\$174,500  
New price! 3BR, 2BA custom home with att. 2-car garage. Close to shopping, schools & transportation. Excellent price for a great house!  
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Sharp 2BR, 1BA with new floors, roof and paint. Huge, private back yard. Probate! #W33120 Jamie Lake 510-765-5960

## Area Home Sales

### ALAMEDA

1725 Cambridge Dr. - \$340,000  
312 Centre Court - \$200,000  
440 Cola Ballena - \$207,000  
1012 Fontana Dr. - \$189,000  
1363 Hansen Ave. - \$280,000  
424 Kitty Hawk Rd. - \$235,000  
621 Larchmont Isle - \$305,000  
3221 Liberty Ave. - \$180,000  
320 Lincoln Ave. - \$230,000  
1040 Melrose Ave. - \$225,000  
1104 Verdmar Dr. - \$160,000  
1133 Versailles Ave. - \$219,000  
1111 Via Alamosa - \$215,000

### ALBANY

1508 Beverly Pl. - \$370,000  
1306 Marin Ave. - \$179,000  
1025 Pomona Ave. - \$255,000  
1427 Portland Ave. - \$253,000

### BERKELEY

1583 Arch St. - \$180,000  
1031 Colusa Ave. - \$301,000  
960 Indian Rock Ave. - \$357,000  
2227 Jefferson Ave. - \$235,000  
2324 Jefferson Ave. - \$239,000  
474 Michigan Ave. - \$339,000  
2206 Prince St. - \$267,500  
2141 Woolsey St. - \$118,000

### EL CERRITO

216 Behrens St. - \$190,000  
6605 Blake St. - \$145,000  
1557 Douglas Dr. - \$292,500  
1305 Navellier St. - \$245,000

### EL SOBRANTE

6131 Hillside Dr. - \$241,000  
4175 Santa Rita Rd. - \$183,000  
EMERYVILLE  
4 Admiral Dr. - \$75,000  
6363 Christie Ave. - \$240,000  
4 Commodore Dr. - \$100,000

### OAKLAND

132 Beechwood Dr. - \$195,000  
6441 Castle Dr. - \$453,500  
4100 Fullington St. - \$100,000  
3123 High St. - \$105,000  
479 Hudson St. - \$146,000  
41 Kingwood Rd. - \$296,000  
22 Moss Ave. #401 - \$150,000  
3051 Partridge Ave. - \$119,500  
65 Roble Rd. - \$250,000  
805 Santa Ray Ave. - \$317,500  
1061 Trestle Glen Rd. - \$324,000  
500 Vernon St. #202 - \$150,000  
670 Vernon St. #303 - \$185,000

4628 Virginia Ave. - \$145,000  
865 Walavista Ave. - \$400,000  
250 Whitmore St. - \$101,000

### PIEDMONT

105 Magnolia Ave. - \$439,500  
107 Pacific Ave. - \$630,000  
74 Sandringham Rd. - \$449,000

### SALES STATS BY CITY

#### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 13  
LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$340,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$229,615

#### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$179,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$370,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$264,250

#### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST PRICE: \$118,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$357,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$254,562

#### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$292,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$218,125

### EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$183,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$241,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$212,000

### EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$75,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$339,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$184,333

### OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 16  
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$453,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$229,615

### PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$439,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$630,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$439,500

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##### 1415 HAWTHORNE TERRACE

New listing! Traditional family home on prestigious street. Walk to Garden and Gourmet Ghetto. Big level garden. 3+3.

##### 3120 DEAKIN STREET

Cute colonial revival. Close to everything. Room for expansion and fenced yard. 2/1+.

#### OAKLAND

##### 6000 BROADWAY TERRACE

Landmark Margardt designed property. Privacy and yet easy access to Rockridge shops, BART & freeway. 4/2+ & au pair quarters.

#### OPEN SUNDAY

##### 4241 GILBERT STREET

End-of-season clearance. Well located duplex with big owner's unit. all offers! 2 bedrooms plus studio.

#### OPEN SUNDAY

##### 3161 ROBINSON DRIVE

Fabulous contemporary! Spacious family home with panoramic view. Ultimate "cooks" kitchen. Nearly 1 acre lot offers privacy, beauty and location - near Montclair Village. 5/4 with in-law or home office potential.

##### 5340 BROADWAY TERRACE, #701

Luxurious Penthouse in upper Rockridge. Stylish, with high-tech deck with extensive bay views. 2/2.

##### 3769 LEIGHTON STREET

Thoroughly remodeled Arts & Crafts bungalow. New kitchen and bedroom. Fireplace. Walk to Piedmont Ave. 3/2.

#### LOTS

##### 464 ARLINGTON BOULEVARD, BERKELEY

Beautiful down-slope lot with big bay view. Architectural plans available.

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Bang-on view of the Golden Gate Bridge! Up-slope lot in long-established northside neighborhood.

##### 5757 BUENA VISTA, OAKLAND

Down-slope with partial view in quiet Rockridge neighborhood.

##### SKYLINE BOULEVARD, OAKLAND

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**EL CERRITO BUNGALOW**.....\$195,000  
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**PRICE REDUCTION IN ALBANY!**.....\$189,000  
This two bedroom split-level home on large corner lot has room for expansion! Large, eat-in kitchen. Brand new wall-to-wall carpeting. Newer roof, bolted foundation. Close to shops and transportation. Laundry room with hook-ups downstairs from kitchen. 1-car attached garage.

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## Events

**56th Annual San Francisco County Fair Flower Show** is Aug. 27 at the County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. The show includes spectacular floral displays, hundreds of varieties of flowers, flower arrangement demonstrations and hands-on educational workshops. Hours are Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for seniors and disabled; \$3 for children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Call (415) 392-1422.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents three classes on Sat., Aug. 12: **Attic Conversions**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., \$35; **Photovoltaic/Solar Systems**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$35; and **Electrical Wiring**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$35. **Hands-On Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Sunday too), \$180. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**Custom Financial Services** presents a free four-hour workshop titled **Home Ownership: A Reality in the '90s** on Sat., Aug. 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 262 Grand Ave., Oakland. Topics include: negotiating techniques; 25 mistakes home owners make; mortgage assistance and special home loan programs; removing negative credit information on your report; purchasing bank-owned properties at below market prices; and low and no-down payment loan programs. Workshop participants will receive the community home buyer program literature. Registration required. Call 444-2100.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Carpentry Basics for**

**Women Workshop**, Sunday, Aug. 27, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$90. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**Emeryville Industries Association** presents **Responsible Real Estate Development in Contaminated Areas: Lessons Learned**, a lunchtime panel discussion featuring Mark Zemelman, Environmental Attorney, Kaiser Permanente; Ron Gerber, City of Emeryville Redevelopment Agency; and Richard Weiss, President of Weiss Environmental Consulting, on Tuesday, Aug. 29, noon, at the Holiday Inn, 1800 Powell St., Emeryville.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Preconstruction: What To Do Before You Build or Remodel**, Wed., Aug. 30, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **The Bungalow: Tradition and Transformation**, Thurs., Aug. 31, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. Registration required. Call 525-7619.

**A Berkeley-Oakland Tenants' Rights Clinic** will be held Thurs., Sept. 1, 6 p.m. at the Berkeley Community Law Center, 3130 Shattuck Ave., (at Woolsey). The free community clinic is geared for tenants in disputes with landlords. Call 548-4040.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents a free lecture and slide show by Jason Grant on ecologically certified hardwoods entitled **Good Wood: An Environmental Perspective on Wood Use and Sus-**

**tainable Forestry**, Sat., Sept. 9, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Call 525-7610.

**CMG Mortgage** presents a **Free Real Estate Financing Workshop**, Sat., Sept. 9, 10 a.m. - noon at 1029 Solano Ave., Albany. Learn how to minimize closing costs, PMI vs. no-PMI loans, points vs. no-point choices, lender guidelines, income needed to qualify for a loan, low- and no-downpayment options, and community assistance programs. Reservations required. Call Karen Ward at 718-2134.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents two classes on Sat., Sept. 9: **Custom Fences: Hands-On Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$90; and **Faux Finishes Hands-On Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$95. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents two classes on Sun., Sept. 10: **Landscape Design**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and **Cabinet Refacing**, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., \$45. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**The Institute of Real Estate Management** presents **Managing the Management Company**, Course 701, Sept. 13 - 16 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Topics include strategic planning, acquiring new business, enhancing business relationships, and attracting, retaining and motivating top-quality employees. For more information, call (312) 661-0004.

**The Building Education Center**, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Home Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning for Beginners**, taught by contractor Michael Hamman, Thurs., Sept. 14, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**The Building Education Center**

ter, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents three classes on Sat., Sept. 16: **Home Inspection for Buyers and Sellers of Older Homes**, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; **Owner Contracting: Project Management**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and **A Roofing Primer**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**Builder Glen Kitzenberger** presents **Saving Time and Money When You Build or Remodel**, Wed., Sept. 20, 7 - 10 p.m. at The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley. Free. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

**The Women's Business Network** presents a **Networking Party**, Thurs., Sept. 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Lake Merritt Boat-house, 568 Bellevue, Oakland. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 482-8583.

**A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and PCR Mortgage, is every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a Realtor on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Receive a free loan pre-qualification and a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

**Le Tip International**, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Steve Scott at 528-0767.

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## ON OUR MINDS



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## Future of Berkeley schools

With regret, I have noticed that the Berkeley public schools are less and less of an option for many of the people I talk with in the course of my real estate business.

New clients sit on my living room couch and confess their concerns about Berkeley schools. They'd like to buy in Berkeley, it's where they know they will feel most comfortable, but they are overwhelmed by the costs of private schools and wonder if they shouldn't buy a home where the price of schools is in their tax bill.

Estimates are that 25 - 30 percent of K-8 students in Berkeley attend private schools, more than three times the rate of other California cities of comparable size.

Becky White, Assistant Director of Community Living at UC-Berkeley, is often the first person that incoming faculty members get to talk with. A Berkeley public school parent—daughter Monica is now a junior at Wesleyan and Stephanie is a third-grader at Oxford—White says that she has to balance her own experiences, and those of her daughters—which have been largely favorable—against advice that new faculty members are often given by their colleagues.

"Most people would rather rent somewhere else than buy in Berkeley," says White. "By the time they come to see me they have often compared our test scores with those of surrounding communities. They really aren't very interested in the positive things that I have to say about why I like the schools."

White and husband Jim live on Mabel Street in southwest Berkeley. The Whites have occasionally considered taking Stephanie out of Oxford but have chosen so far to remain in the system because, says White, "although there have been some clashes, kids have to learn that some people are bullies and some are not. They have to learn about living in a diverse society."

Most parents who have time to participate in the schools become supporters. Whether one becomes involved with the P.T.A., volun-

teering in classrooms, serving on site committees or supporting the Berkeley Public Education Foundation or the Berkeley High Development Group, parents find that being part of the solution beats simply worrying about the problems.

Carolyn Kernkamp and Miriam Maxwell don't have to send their daughters to public school. They could afford private schools if they thought it necessary. Best friends since they met four years ago when their daughters were in the Chinese bilingual kindergarten at Jefferson, they are happy with the education that their children are receiving.

Maxwell, who is a member of the Berkeley Schools Enrichment Program Oversight Committee and co-chair of the district's P.T.A. Council, as well as a room parent at Jefferson Elementary, says she is optimistic. "I believe there is room for innovation, thinking of new ways that things can done."

And things are changing, at least organizationally. When Berkeley public schools reopen Sept. 5, all of the schools except the high school will have new grade configurations.

Like the neighborhood schools of yesteryear where children stayed in the same school from K through 6, the new configuration will provide six years of togetherness.

Teachers, kids and their families will really have a chance to get to know one another. The district believes that parents will see positive changes in the schools and will return to participate.

"The great things about reconfiguration," says Nancy Greenman, Berkeley Schools' Public Information Officer, "is that parents had to make and submit their choices. They had to come out and look at what various schools had to offer. Once they saw, once they made the connection, the rest was easy. We expect our enrollment to be up, substantially so, especially in kindergarten and the sixth grade."

MARVIN GARDENS  
REAL ESTATE

**KENSINGTON** \$469,000  
Delightful French Provincial home with Golden Gate Bridge view from almost every room. Sunny deck, huge yard, excellent neighborhood. TODD HODSON 527-9111/273-9515

**EL CERRITO** \$249,000  
The 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is convenient to BART, shopping and schools. New carpet, new paint and an updated kitchen. HERMAN SUN 527-9111/235-1669

**EL CERRITO HILLS** \$399,900  
Fantastic 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath home with panoramic views and privacy. Family room off remodeled kitchen. On a quiet street at the end of a cul-de-sac. TODD HODSON 527-9111/273-9515

**WONDERFUL VIEW, GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD** \$209,000  
This home in the El Cerrito hills is truly a best buy. Two bedrooms, bonus room, fireplace, hardwood floors, French doors to private patio, central heat and a 2-car garage. DORIS ALEXANDER 527-9111/273-9538

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Lovely 3 bedroom split-level home in the El Cerrito hills. Hardwood floors, original wood trim, plenty of yard on the side and rear. KATHY BURT 527-9111/273-9535

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**ROCKRIDGE** **NEW LISTING!** \$119,500  
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### Martino receives GRI designation

Carol Martino of Martino Real Estate & Mortgage Co. has received her GRI designation. Martino has been in the real estate business for over 17 years.

The GRI designation stands for Graduate Realtor Institute and the real estate agents and brokers who take the classes have successfully completed the required courses and years in the business to re-

ceive this designation. The Realtors are tested daily on each required course they take.

"The classes I took gave me valuable information to implement into my business," said Martino. "I expect my sellers and buyers to benefit directly from the knowledge I gained."

Martino's office is located at 1107 Lincoln Ave., Alameda.

### Remodel ...

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Competitive bids can save you money, if handled properly. If not handled correctly, they can cause much agony.

If you have a favorite contractor that you want to use, don't use competitive bids merely as a way

to keep him "honest." Instead, use a "negotiated approach" (I prefer a Cost of the Work plus a Fixed Fee arrangement). More about this in a future column.

*Richard Morrison, AIA, is a Bay Area architect specializing in residential remodelings and additions. You can call him at (415) 321-3729.*



### Brotherly love

This portrait in brotherly love is the work of Margo Sparks who took the photograph for Di Starr's "Portraits from the Heart" photography class at Studio One Art Center. Fall classes at the center begin Monday, Sept. 11. Studio One, located at 365 45th St., is a function of the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation. For a complete schedule of classes — in subjects as varied as yoga, stained glass, and creative writing — call 597-5027.

### Office occupancy rate on upswing in second quarter

Grubb & Ellis Company's quarterly market survey for the East Bay 80/880 corridor. While market activity is on the rise, the industrial activity, as space is becoming more scarce.

"The second-quarter activity showed considerable improvement in the Alameda 1-80/880 Corridor," Larsen, senior vice president and district manager. "The vacancy rate dropped to 15.3 percent at the end of the first quarter 1995. In the second quarter, the vacancy rate dropped to 14.5 percent."

The most significant improvement occurred in the Oakland central business district (CBD) markets. The vacancy rate, including sublease space, was 15.9 percent while the absorption was 200,000 sq. ft. The majority of the absorption, which was 100,000 sq. ft., was in the CBD. See UPSWING

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# Prepare for the unexpected when drawing up contract

Have you ever made a verbal agreement only to find out later your intentions were misunderstood?

This is the second column discussing what should be included in an agreement with a general contractor. In the first part we discussed the following points that should be included: Who are the participants and where is the work being done? What is the scope of the project? How much is the work going to cost and what are the terms for payment?

There are some additional items that should be discussed:

**What happens if the scope of the contract is going to change?** The project starts. After the wall is removed, every-thing looks at the underlying structure and wonders how the house stayed up. Or, you think, since the work crew is already here, might as well have them do a few more necessary repairs? Or, the tax bill says it's higher than you thought, so you need to reduce the cost of the project.

The contract should include a clear way to change the scope of work, the length of the job and/or the cost of the project. Usually changing one of these items will change at least one of the other two.

**What happens if my house burns down?** Insurance is an important item. Who carries what kind of insurance and what is the minimum coverage your contractor should supply?

Your contractor should have two kinds of insurance: Worker's compensation is required by the state. Its purpose is to provide for the costs of treating and rehabilitating a worker injured on the job. If you hire a contractor without worker's compensation, you may become liable for any worker injured on your property.

Liability insurance is not a state requirement, but it's generally a good idea. If, for example, electrical work in your home started a fire, your contractor's liability insurance would pay for the damages. How much liability insurance is enough? Estimate the cost

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of repairing the worst possible damage that could occur as a result of your remodeling project.

Request that your contractor provide you with certificates of insurance, sent directly from his carrier to you. If the coverage lapses, ask to be notified. It's also worthwhile to call your own insurance agent to discuss how the remodel will affect the value of your home and how your insurance needs to be adjusted accordingly.

**What happens if we get deadlocked in an argument?** You and your builder will probably disagree about something at least once. Your contract should ad-

dress what will happen should this situation arise. One option is a tiered process — if mediation doesn't work, then arbitration is used to settle the dispute.

The agreement describes all aspects of each approach clearly and completely and time limits are included.

If you and the contractor prefer to go to court to settle a disagreement, again, make sure the contract includes a step-by-step description of how the process is to be handled.

**Is there anything else?** But, of course! There are several state-mandated notices that should be included.

"Notice to Owner-California Administrative Code Section 862" discusses mechanic's liens and how you can protect yourself and your property. Suppose your general contractor does not pay the people he has hired to do your project. Suppose he takes the money you paid for your project and flies to Tahiti. Since you paid the general contractor you have no reason to be concerned that the

subcontractors (and suppliers and workers) were unpaid by the general contractor, right? Wrong!

All the people who helped improve your property have the right to place a lien on the title of the property if they are not paid. This is a situation you definitely want to avoid! The purpose of the notice is to make property owners aware of what could happen and ways to avoid it.

The "Notice of Cancellation" is an opportunity for you to cancel the agreement, no obligation, within three days from midnight of the date that the agreement was signed.

Did you ever see the movie "Tinmen"? This notice is here in their memory. You get so excited as the contractor goes through his

pitch you cannot imagine living without that new addition. Then, after you've signed on the dotted line, you realize you really can't afford the project. Just sign and date this notice and get it to your (former) contract ASAP and you are under no further obligation.

**Whew! Is that all?** Well, substantially. But none of this can substitute for working with a contractor you trust. But with these points clear in the agreement, you can deal with the unexpected things that are a predictable part of any remodeling project.

Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978.

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# Cutting and care of flowers



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**Q:** I have 10 rose bushes and they are all growing fine. However, when I use them for cut flowers they don't seem to last. What can I do to extend their life?

**A:** Here are some cutting and care tips for all summer blooming flowers:

1. Cut in the morning or early evening when the stalks are filled with water, avoid cutting them in mid-day because the heat stress causes them to wither faster.
2. Always use a sharp knife, avoid using scissors that can pinch the water channels of the stalks.
3. Plunge the cut stems immediately into a container of cold water.
4. Set the container in a cool, dark spot for a few hours if possible to let the flowers stabilize before arranging.
5. Change the water daily to eliminate bacterial growth.
6. And finally, re-cut the stems about 1/4 inch daily under water, to remove the air bubbles from the xylem tissue which prevents premature nodding of the flower head.

**Q:** My four-year-old hydrangeas have weak stems which do not support the flowers. The plants are only two feet tall and growing un-

der some Catalina cherries. This year they have a few healthy looking stems which I believe is from the winter rains.

In the past I have not watered them due to the drought. This year I'm watering them at least once a day and sometimes twice a day. Are their root systems shallow or deep? How often should they get watered and what do I feed them?

**A:** Treat hydrangeas like you would azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons, keeping them moist at all times and feeding them monthly with an azalea, camellia and rhododendron food or acid fertilizer.

Recommend watering well three times a week or once a day in hot weather, but twice-a-day watering is not necessary.

**Q:** I have dill planted in a pot. The plant is now four to five feet tall and very leggy with little branching and leaves to harvest. How can I get this to thicken up with more leaves?

**A:** When dill becomes overgrown, just cut it off at the base and it will grow back. Encourage new growth by feeding it regularly with fish emulsion once a month from April through October.

Send your questions to Buzz Bertolero, C.C.N., c/o Hills Newspapers, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611.

## Oram ...

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lock step, or you can purchase in an area you deduce to be developing momentum "upward" and see if your home increases in value faster than it would a little further uptown.

It is the comparison between buying a government bond or a new issue electronics stock. The bond will certainly hold its value and may increase in the right market. And some of the stocks will skyrocket while others may eventually become suitable for nothing more useful than wallpaper.

George Oram is owner of ERI/ Better Homes & Gardens in Berkeley. He can be reached at 883-7000.



## Sunny weekend retreat

This charming guest suite at "A Home of Your Own" Designer Show House has been decorated by Shelby de Quesada, one of Francisco's well-known interior designers. With the light touch that is her signature, she turned a very small space into a retreat for a weekend guest, using yards and yards of sheer white linen and a lively combination of crisp blue and white stripes against sunflower yellow walls. "A Home of Your Own" Designer Show House is presented by Thomasville in partnership with Good Housekeeping and Centex Homes to benefit Habitat for Humanity International. Located at 25289 Old Fairview Avenue, Hayward hills, "A Home of Your Own" opens Sept. 1 and will remain open daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. through Oct. 1. The fee to tour the house is a direct donation to Habitat for Humanity.

## Upswing ...

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square feet, occurred at Harbor Bay in the Alameda submarket.

Oakland CBD Class A office activity increased, significantly reversing most of the negative first quarter absorption. Vacancy dropped in both the Class A and B sectors while rents remained stable. Overall net absorption totaled

68,949 square feet. In Berkeley, improvement was evident as the direct vacancy rate of 13.5 percent was down from 17.3 percent at the end of first quarter 1995.

The University of California was the main factor for this reduction in office vacancy. Two major transactions were completed by UC Regents consisting of 48,375 square feet at The Golden Bear and 23,000 square feet at the Barker Building.

The overall net absorption in the Berkeley submarket totaled 59,059 square feet.

"Overall second quarter results show a trend toward the public sector with education, government, non-profit organizations and large corporations completing major transactions in Alameda County," said Larsen. "This is directly causing vacancy rates to drop significantly. The trend of positive absorption in the Alameda County office market should continue through the second half of 1995."

In the industrial sector, land values, lease rates and to-suits are on the rise. Improvements and conversions are down due to a scarcity of most specifically, quality product.

"The industrial market is ening," said Larsen. "The quarter showed a higher absorption of 642,194 square feet. Vacancy rates dropped to 10 percent. Renewals are on the rise because there are fewer existing for tenants."

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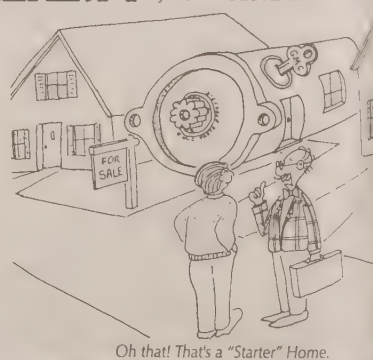
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JEEP Cherokee Limited 1989 4 wheel drive, loaded, low mileage, warranty, \$13,800 769-8897

MASERATI, 1965 Quattroporte. Rough, \$4,000 531-4238

PEUGEOT 505, 1987, 40K, great condition, cassette, new tires, needs paint. \$3500 or best offer. Must sell, (510)527-9376

PEUGEOT 405, 1990, 41K, station wagon, good condition. Best offer, 510-411-3812 until 6 p.m.

PLYMOUTH Reliant, 1984, \$750 Hyundai, 1988, \$1600, looks great. Excellent condition. Come see! 522-5552

SATURN SL1, 1992 62K, 5-speed, excellent condition, \$7500 865-7593

TOYOTA Corolla SX, 1987, 3 door, 5 speed, new clutch brakes, AM/FM cassette \$2800 510-527-6394

## 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

### MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY PLAY CENTER

Fall openings Cooperative preschool, Monday-Friday, 9-11:45, extended care available. Be part of your child's first school experience! Cynny 534-7134

## 303 Instruction & Tutoring

### A LEARNING PLACE

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing, Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

HAVE fun learning Chinese-Mandarin. Expert world-class, credentialled, native teacher. Tailored to your needs. 834-8268

CERTIFIED Teacher-tutor, multi-sensory instruction. Reading, writing, spelling, math. References: Nancy, Berkeley, 524-7064

BLOOD Drawing Philosophy course by Boston Need Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered instructor. #2800291

GETTING Organized Coaching, Overcoming procrastination, setting priorities, following through, career changes, creative projects, managing clutter. Affordable rates. Bruce 531-7865

## 304 Musical Instruction

PIANO Lessons, New England Conservatory Graduate. Experienced, references. Patient, fun. Introductory lesson free. Kate, 527-6480

FLUTE Lessons, Award winning flutist, member National Flute Association. Supportive guidance for all levels. 339-3289

DRUM Lessons, all ages and levels, with patient Berkeley College of Music Professor Alan (510)535-0592

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VOICE lessons, beginning and advanced. Classical technique, repertoire. Experienced professional singer. Patricia Hyde-Thomas 510-234-8130

## 401 Help Wanted

### Direct Care Staff

Staff needed to work with mentally retarded adults in 3 person homes. One year minimum experience. CDL, clean driving record, personal transportation, recent physical exam, criminal background check required. Health benefits available to full-time employees. Please call 510-430-8121

DRIVER (Class A) Flatbed Truck- Trailer. Local Area, \$121. Over time Lessor Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland

ELECTRICAL Fixture Repair Some Training Local Driving, Nights Start \$1300 Lessor Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland

ESPRESSO store needs Retail Sales Person, full-time/part-time. Looking for a dynamic sales person with customer service experience and personality plus. We need someone who can interact with our customers in a very professional manner. Computer experience helpful. Hours 8:30-5:30, Monday-Friday and 8:30-5:00, Saturdays. Must be dependable. Call Teri at (510)893-3201.

EXCITING full-time position in relaxed atmosphere. Bright, reliable, enthusiastic person for office/reception duties. Medical-Legal consulting firm. Excellent communication skills, phone manners, organized/ prioritize, experienced. (510)549-1693

FIXTURE Repair, Training Some Electrical Knowledge. Start \$750/week, Drive Lessor Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland

FLORAL delivery, care for and merchandise super market floral displays, some floral experience necessary. Must be able to drive large trucks. Full-time with benefits \$8/hourly to start 653-7227 Jacquelyn

GENERAL OFFICE, 12 hours/week, Rockledge. Need computer skills, eye for detail, ability to perform many tasks at once. Good grammar/spelling essential. Long term permanent position. Hours are flexible, must have car. \$10/hour. Fax resume to 652-9481

HANDYPERSON-private year-round school in Oakland seeking experienced handyman for part-time work, 20 hours/week. 436-4466 ask for Monica

## 401 Help Wanted

H-END Antique rug gallery position. Interest in business, good communication skills. Attention to detail must. Heavy lifting. Call required. \$9.75/hour. 1515 15th St., Suite 100, San Francisco, Tuesday, Wednesday, Claremont Rug Co., Call: Varen, 654-0368

HORTICULTURIST. Prospering interior plantscape company desires experienced technician to do plant maintenance/ installation. Responsible, self-starter, energetic, healthy, strong, team player. No prior back problems please! Car, personable customer service required. Full-time plus benefits. 510-652-6020

HOST/ Hostess and bus person needed. Start in September, no experience required. Monday-Friday 11-3. Minn 763-3610/ 763-8495

IMPORTANCE paid to maturity, experience, compassion. Certified Nurses Aide, Home Aide, part-time to 24 hours care. A Caring Connection, 524-8076

LABELING Operator/ Training, Computer Literate. To \$10/hour. Prefer Mature Lessor Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland

LANDSCAPE Assistant, part-time or full-time assistant with experience needed for much moving, dead heading, mowing, etc. Call (510)531-1091 evenings

LANDSCAPE/Irrigation installer, repairs, estimator, 4 years experience. Professional, dependable. Clean DMV. English speaking. 521-4820

LANDSCAPE maintenance/ part-time, strong plant knowledge. Hard working, professional, attention to detail, able to work with others, good English a must! 429-9158

MARKETING director for small Piedmont area publishing company that distributes real estate books, pamphlets, etc. Strong academic record and/ or related experience essential. Legal and/ or real estate background, desktop publishing, marketing experience, etc. helpful. Fax resume to: 415-433-2885 with return fax number. Will return fax with more complete description of position.

SELLING A CAR? Call 339-8777

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Gaveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

### 201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office

### 202 Fantastic Great Events

THE Home Of Truth. Weddings, Ministers, Musicians. Beautiful Garden Chapel. Join us for Sunday Services. Classes, Bookstore. Alameda 522-3366

### 203 Found

SMALL, white, friendly puppy, found August 6. Call and describe 530-6419

COCKER Spaniel, Clemens Rd., near Fruitvale. August 10. Call to identify. 531-1724

KITTEN Found, 600 block Lexington, darker coloring, about 6 months old. Call Dawn, 558-8755

### 204 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless kittens! Cats. Assistance provided. Marc 510-444-3204

KITTENS to good home. Saved from stray mama. 3 orange, 1 fluffy gray striped, 482-9010

FEMALE tabby, 7 months, Calico kitten, feline leukemia positive. 530-6694

CALICO kitten, playful, loving, 11 weeks, litter box trained. Prefer indoor environment. 638-5759

TWO female kittens. Frisky/ affectionate. Glossy black, healthy. Need loving homes. El Cerrito 215-5002

GREAT dene, fawn color, well trained. House broken, good manners, in happy home. 372-0113

NINE months, gray with white spot cat. Siamese/ silver gray. Needs good home soon. 654-6743

FREE moving boxes and packing materials. You pick up. 595-0766

### 205 Lost

DOG, black lab mix, 100 lbs., 1 1/2 years. "Joelle" August 10. Vicinity: Park/ Brooklyn. 208-5614

LONG-HAIRED female Siamese Blue eyes. Last seen August 6. No collar. Needs medication. 652-7128

LOST wallet, bus stop at Mountain Blvd/ Florence. Keep currency and additional reward. 547-3265

DOG, big, red, neutered male, collar, sweet, friendly. Maple/ Arizona. August 17. 530-3676

REWARD! Cat. July 14, Shetland/ Ashby. Neutered brown tabby/ black markings, white chest. "Sid". 845-0906

LOST August 16- sweet 30 inch green iguana near Joaquin Miller School. Call anytime 530-0405

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DENTAL Receptionist, fun and busy downtown Oakland office looking for self-motivated, reliable and pleasant full-time temporary receptionist. Salary preferred but will train the right person. Beginning mid-September to early February. Call Andy or Cindy 839-3696

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We are seeking an energetic individual to provide administrative and clerical support to our Marketing Department. Experience in the senior living industry, or a background in marketing or communications would be a plus. Must be able to work independently and willing to learn new skills. Windows and LOTUS 1-2-3 experience is mandatory.

This is a 3/4-time position with excellent benefits. To apply, send resume with salary requirements to: Piedmont Gardens, 110 41st St., Oakland, CA 94611, Attn: Laura McGrew. We are committed to a drug-free workplace. As a condition of employment, candidates will be required to submit to drug testing.

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### BUYING

Diamonds, gold jewelry, rare coins, etc. Albany Coin Exchange, 1107 Solano Ave., Albany 526-4791

SEEKING Mandarin speaking seniors for marriage and companionship. Piedmont Pines, Montclair. 530-1876; 450-2255

### 207 Research Studies

SEEKING participants for study of women victimized by violent crime who have children (\$15 compensation). Contact: Adrian Brown, M.A., 415-522-8996

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### 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

#### CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

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**\$550** LARGE furnished bedroom, private bath, separate garage entrance, refrigerator, microwave, parking. Crocker Highlands. 834-6818.

**\$575** STUDIO, large, light, view. Fairbanks/Grand, front upper. Utilities included, street parking. 482-9978.

**\$595** MONTCLAIR spacious in-law, newly renovated, light. Private entrance, separate kitchenette. No pets, non-smoking 339-0198.

**\$600** UPPER Rockridge in-law. Modern, view, secure, parking. Buena Vista/ Broadway. #10788-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

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**\$375** STUDIO, \$475 1 bedroom, \$640 2 bedroom. Parking \$25. Near Lake, coin laundry. 531-8065.

**\$400**, \$575 STUDIO and one bedrooms. Great downtown Oakland location. Walk to BART and shopping. Security building. 783-8250.

**\$400** ONE bedroom in Victorian with private yard and parking, Diamond District. 707-462-3571.

**\$425** MONTCLAIR, Snake Road. Furnished bedroom in private home. Bath. Sunporch. Parking. Secure View. (510)339-1019.

**\$450**, \$575 LARGE, sunny China Hill studio! 1 bedroom, elegant Spanish building. Garage. Quiet. 839-2636.

**\$465** IVY Hill, 1 bedroom apartment, new paint, skylight. Quiet street. Good neighbors. South facing garden and patio area. 419-0448 or 893-1860.

**\$475**, \$525 ADAMS Point. One bedrooms, quiet, convenient, near Lake, bus, I-580. Summer special. 535-8063.

**\$475** 2600 KINGSLEY, above 580 near Park Blvd. Garage, coin laundry, cat, Agent 523-1166.

**\$475** ONE and two bedrooms. Lake Merritt, secure building, parking, laundry, water and garbage. 1-800-824-2579.

## ★ SUMMER SPECIAL ★

Offer good until August 31st.  
1 bedrooms. FREE FIRST MONTH'S RENT. In-law unit. On Telegraph Ave. Short bus ride to UC campus. Laundry facilities. No pets or parking. Two (2) bedroom for \$650 available in August 601-6662.

**\$485** IVY Hill, 1 bedroom with view. Attractive well-maintained building, new throughout, hardwood floors. Quiet street, good neighbors. Landscaped garden, patio area. 419-0449 or 893-1860.

## ★ 485 NORTH OAKLAND ★

40th St. - 1 bedroom. Charming 1920's building. Quiet, gas stove, sunny eat-in kitchen, walk-in closet, walk to BART and jogging. Call 658-4131.

**\$495**  
**ONE BEDROOM FOR THE PRICE OF A STUDIO**  
1 bedrooms. One with view of San Francisco. \$615 MOVES YOU IN. FREE off-street parking. Tiled bathrooms. Laundry facilities. Near BART by bus. Centrally located. Section 8 okay. 452-0254.

**\$495**  
**Live in 1 Bedroom Pay For Studio**  
41st St. (near Broadway). Small 1 bedroom, beautiful hardwood floors. Close to shopping and transportation. Must See! Call Brian at 531-6969.

**\$500**  
**BEST DEAL IN ADAMS POINT**  
389 Palm - Large 1 bedroom, fresh paint, fresh wall-to-wall, frost free refrigerator, dining area, laundry, near Bellevue. Must See! Call 833-8536.

**\$500** - \$800 ONE bedroom, two (2) bedrooms, two studios. Lake. Blinds, deck, parking, laundry. 834-4834.

**\$500** 3234 MAPLE, quiet, secure Laurel six-plex. Separate entrance. Appliances, mini-blinds, carpeting, drapes, laundry. Redecorated. Transportation close. Hot water/ garbage included. Non-smoking, permanent. (510)534-1341.

**\$500** IN-LAW unit, great neighborhood. Near shopping, transportation. Quiet. Non-smoking. Includes utilities, cable. Time 271-7978.

**\$500** ONE bedroom, Adams Point. Balcony, storeroom, dishwasher, Sunny, quiet, top floor. 451-3389.

**\$500** ONE bedroom, 6-plex, 3161 Suter Street. Secured, laundry, water/ garbage. 530-1382.

**\$510** AVAILABLE now. Best Value. Beautiful, quiet, secure building near Lake Merritt. Completely remodeled 1 bedroom, balcony, courtyard, close to transportation, shopping, BART. Secure parking, laundry in building. Sorry, no pets. 835-3345.

**\$515**  
**UPPER OAKLAND AVENUE**  
Small 1 bedroom, fresh carpets and paint, AEK, sunny, laundry. Call 658-0084.

**\$515** REMODELED 1 bedroom apartment in modern security building on tree-lined street in Adams Point, near Lake and downtown. New carpet, paint, blinds and appliances, responsive management, security parking available. 187 Montecito. 428-1864.

**\$525** \$550 CHARMING, remodeled 1 bedroom in Classic Adams Point 1929 building. Hardwood floors, gas stove, large closets. Controlled access building, coin laundry, low deposit. Cat okay. 189 Vernon Terrace. Dan, 652-2658.

**\$525** CHARMING upper unit, Victorian house. Laundry. Utilities included. 8th Ave. and East 20th. 655-4284.

**\$525** SPACIOUS 1 bedroom near Lake. Garage, laundry, AEK, new carpet/ drapes. Cathy 783-5765.

**\$535**  
**CLOSE TO LAKE MERRITT PARK**  
282 Park View Terrace - 1 bedroom, AEK with breakfast bar, deck, quiet third floor unit, laundry, elevator. One block to shopping and transportation. Call 465-5085 or 531-6969.

**\$540**  
**CLEAN AND QUIET**  
In Sunny sixplex near Grand Lake Theater. Hardwood floors, dishwasher, freshly painted, parking. Family occupied. 658-5111.

**\$540** Lake Merritt, charming, quiet, hardwoods, large closets, cable ready, near BART. No pets. 444-3614.

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**\$545**  
**\$800 MOVES YOU IN**  
\$545 1 bedroom. Rent includes electricity and gas. NEW carpet. Controlled access entry. 1 block from Lake Merritt. 144 Grand Ave. Walk to bus lines, BART and downtown Oakland. 763-5974.

**\$545** - \$565 CLEMENT, Rockridge BART, attractive, efficient layout, also third floor view. Available furnished. 653-1871.

**\$545** SPACIOUS North Oakland 1 bedroom, newly remodeled, formal dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, walk-in closets, 645 43rd St. 869-5116.

**\$550**  
**SUMMER SPECIAL**  
SPACIOUS 1 bedrooms with HUGE closets. \$650 MOVES YOU IN. Rent includes gas and electricity. Quiet, well-kept building. Close to 580 and shopping. 451-7274.

**\$550**  
**★ ★ ★ GREAT LAKE LOCATION ★ ★ ★**  
410 Bellevue. Near Grand Lake Theater. Garage parking/ storage included. Attentive management. Balcony, dishwasher, laundry. 783-5578.

**\$550**  
**BEST VALUE**  
Immaculate, light, quiet 1 bedroom. Attractive well-maintained building. Garage, Cable. 465-5854.

**\$550**  
**GREAT PRICE FOR EXCELLENT APARTMENT**  
Sunny 1 bedroom. Rent includes steam heat. \$200 OFF FIRST MONTH'S RENT. Gas cooking. UPPER GRAND LAKE DISTRICT. Walk to cafes, supermarkets, Grand Lake Theater. 852-0530.

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## Oakland - Piedmont & So.

**\$550**  
**Large Apartment - Small Price**  
1 bedrooms. Parking available. Quiet building with intercom. Laundry facilities. Excellent location. Short walk to Grand, Lakeshore and Piedmont Ave. No pets. Call 836-1933.

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**BEST ADAMS POINT LOCATION**  
434 Lee St. - Spacious 1 bedroom. Quiet! Close to shopping and transportation. Top floor, corner unit. Laundry, elevator. No pets, non-smoking. Must See! Call Brian 531-6969.

**\$550** ADAMS Point. Quiet 12 unit building, parking, balcony, dishwasher, closets! Excellent condition. The Prudential Landmark Real Estate 287-5666.

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**\$550** NORTH Oakland, hardwood floors. Security, parking \$25. BART, bus, shopping. 457 40th (Telegraph). 420-1678.

**\$550** ONE bedroom, 1 Bath. Spacious, hardwood floors, sunny 6 unit building. Near Lake Merritt on Foothill Blvd. Call Michelle 531-7005.

**\$550** ONE Bedroom in Small, Quiet Building. Parking. Laundry Available. Nice Area. Near Lake. 452-1972.

**\$550** ONE bedroom, unfurnished, spacious, secure, sunny, convenient location, near BART/ shopping. lease message 658-4152.

**\$550** ONE bedroom in quiet, well-managed security building near Lake Merritt. Balcony, dishwasher. Year lease, no pets, secure parking available. Euclid Avenue near Grand. 428-1864.

**\$550** SPACIOUS, new carpet, large kitchen, laundry adjacent. Utilities included. First month free lease. Ask for North Building, 893-2998.

## ★ SPECIAL ★

550 SPECIAL fourplex, large kitchen and closets. New carpet and paint. 655-7942, evenings.

**\$550** VICTORIAN, hardwood floors, parking. Quiet, near Adams Point. 268-8835; 452-1882.

**\$560**  
**BEST ONE BEDROOM VALUE**  
High on hill near Lake Merritt, garage available. CPS/Select 343-9471.

**\$560** 144 MONTE Cresta Ave. Quiet, parking, laundry. 2 blocks from Piedmont Ave. 523-3912.

**\$565**  
**ADAMS POINT**  
276 Adams - 1 bedroom, nice garden courtyard with pool, fresh paint, carpets and drapes, coin laundry. Great sunlight. Call 835-3707.

**\$565** - \$585  
**★ ★ ★ CONVENIENT ★ ★ ★**  
Adams Point area. 81 Vernon. POOL, laundry, new carpet. Garage parking included. Near shopping. Kaiser Center and Lakeside Park. 763-5578; 444-0268.

**\$565** ADAMS Point. Spacious, quiet street. No pets. No cable. 347 Warwick. Secure parking. 814-8071.

**\$570** PIEDMONT border, extremely large 1 bedroom, laundry, AEK, wall-to-wall carpeting, parking. 3815 Harrison. 569-0165.

**\$575**  
**LOWER ROCKRIDGE**  
Bright 1 bedroom. Carpets, gas kitchen, parking. Near UC, transportation, shopping. 832-5128.

**\$575** - \$625 ROCKRIDGE. Sunny, spacious 1 bedroom, pool, off-street parking. Close to transportation, shopping, colleges. 601-1694 or 635-5970.

**\$575** 7th AVENUE/ Park Blvd. Carpet, mini blinds, eat-in kitchen, ample closets, laundry, parking. 655-4284.

**\$575** ADAMS Point remodeled Victorian; new kitchen, newly painted, Levolors, 2 large walk-in closets. 415-8653-6390.

**\$575** CHINA Hill sunny 1 bedroom, charming older building. Great closets. All PG&E included. House cat okay. Affordable move-in cost. 444-4050.

**\$575** FRESH 1 bedroom in Quiet Building. Very Clean. Close to Lake, Downtown, Transportation. 465-7679.

**\$575** ONE bedroom, \$475 Studio. China Hill security building. Carpets, most utilities, no pets. 465-2608.

**\$575** SUNNY, freshly painted, security building, elevator, parking, laundry. No pets. 3830 Harrison. 655-0125; 521-6314.

**\$585** Lake area, like new. Includes carpets, drapes, appliance, parking, water, garbage. Dan 251-4010.



**726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS**  
Oakland - Piedmont & So.

\$895 TWO bedroom, Lake Merritt lake front, dining, private patio, laundry, dishwasher, view. Linda 452-2119.

\$895 TWO bedroom in-law near Montclair Village, transportation. Share utilities! Laundry. Newly remodeled kitchen. Available September 1st. Non-smoking (510) 339-1061, (415) 802-2573.

\$895 TWO bedroom, on Vermont/ Mendocino, newer building, view, parking 1 1/2 bath. Agent 523-1115.

\$925 GRAND Lake spacious deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, fireplace, generous closets. 639-2387; 524-3125.

\$925 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, quiet building, near Lakeshore shopping, parking. No pets. 632-8356.

\$950 VICTORIAN building, large 2 bedroom, fireplace, washer/ dryer in apartment. Newly remodeled. 4028 Broadway, near transportation. 526-7847.

**WILL GO FAST**

357 Vermont - Sunny, spacious 2 bedroom, living and dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, great space and light, gas heat and stove, 1100 sq. ft. Quiet condo quality building near freeway access. Parking available. MUST SEE! Call 835-8089.

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265 Leno - Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath. The kitchen and bath, hardwood, dining area, good natural light. Parking. Must See! Call 835-1977.

\$950 LAKE Merritt beautiful, large, sunny apartment. Two bedrooms, 20 foot living room, high beamed ceilings, huge closets, dishwasher, laundry, 2 car garage. Call 415-861-0474.

\$960 LUXURY, secure, quiet 2 bath near Lake. Carpet, laundry, fireplace, garage. Pet okay. 415-661-7969.

\$1000 LUXURY condo, Lake view, 2 baths, top floor, laundry, fireplace, balcony. 302 Hancock. 569-0185.

\$1080 TWO bedroom penthouse, sunny, view, quiet, parking, alarm, Lake area, 350 Euclid. 451-9056, 455-7988.

\$1150 SPECTACULAR 2 bedroom, 2 bath pent house with 270 degree views. Fireplace, pool, sauna, garage, parking and bicycle storage room. \$1200 deposit. West Management 863-9380.

\$1150 TWO bedroom, 2 bath condo on Vermont, fireplace, parking, pool. No pets. Agent 523-1115.

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Sunny, spacious, newly renovated at BART/ Colma. Top floor in 4plex. 223-4219.

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Two story large, sunny, Art Deco building, panoramic views, hardwood floors, high ceilings. Dining area, hardwood deck, parking. 315 Park View Terrace. 832-4782.

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**3+ BED. APT. RENTALS**  
Oakland - Piedmont & So.

\$850 REMODELED, huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath, custom kitchen, dishwasher, disposal, washer/ dryer, garage. 562-9156.

\$900 THREE large bedrooms, Victorian apartment, site of light, backyard, fruit trees. 261-3744, evenings please.

\$900 LARGE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, flat, 401 38th Street. Shatter, hardwood floors. 530-5810.

\$980 NEW 3 bedroom, 1 bath, Apto 4 bedroom, 2 bath, approximately 1600 sq. ft., \$1260. Laundry. North Oakland. 601-0236.

\$1000 THREE bedroom, 2 bath flat with 2 car garage, near Redwood Park. 531-6440.

\$1200 FIVE bedroom, 2 bath flat, 4164 Emerald. Remodeled. Bungalow. Near Piedmont Ave. 424-1678, 652-9321.

\$1400 OAKLAND Hills townhouse, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, view, jacuzzi, pool. Rent negotiable - good tenant. Lease option available. 630-9619.

**COTTAGES FOR RENT**

**733 Berkeley**

\$850 MODERN, skylight, washer/ dryer, yard. Near BART. Francisco Mills. #10665-B. Home-finders 549-6450.

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Piedmont & South

\$475 GLENVIEW. Deluxed, quiet, new studio one garage. Storage. Quiet. Credit references. No pets. 531-8478.

\$750 ONE bedroom cottage (300 sq. ft.), lower Fullerton area, lovely garden setting, large deck, skylights, laundry hook-up, security system. Call 534-9693.

**HOMES FOR RENT**

**741 Alameda**

\$1000 VICTORIAN. Drive by 2120 Pacific Ave., Alameda. Call Yvonne. 889-7766.

**745 Albany & Kensington**

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito, two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection. 845-7821.

\$895 STUDIO home, half acre, Bay view, natural light, secluded. Fireplace, basement, laundry hook-up. 559-0044.

\$1150 ALBANY 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, fenced yard, built-ins. Non-smoking. Available now. 524-9038.

\$1350 TWO bedroom Albany home, basement, hardwood, dining, Bay view, garage. Posen. #10761-B. Home-finders 549-6450.

\$1550 ALBANY 3 bedroom, 2 bath with small family room, yard. Dazzling master bedroom suite. Drive by 1103 Ivy Route. Then call West Management 893-9390.

\$1900 KENSINGTON Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Three bridge view. Great oil-deck, garden, concrete. 525-3096.

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Berkeley

\$690 THREE bedroom, well-to-well carpet, parking. 3300 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. 415-333-1868, Jo.

\$795 SPACIOUS home, 8 bedroom, 1 bath. 2398 E. 24th Street. 255-8930.

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\$865 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom. Great location. Just past 42nd. Good sunlight. Hardwood floors, fireplace. Agent 528-9661.

\$1150 EL CERRITO 3 bedroom, fenced yard, fireplace, near shops and BART. 236-8912.

\$1460 FOUR bedroom, 3 bath, view, fireplace, yard, garage. 7th/ Potomac/ Fairmount. #10673-B. Home-finders 549-6450.

\$1900 UP, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, luxury in country club, panoramic Bay views, fireplace. 237-7556.

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\$1695 LAFAYETTE 2 bedroom home plus cot. 2nd floor, Charming, secluded, sunny, clean. Available September 1. 254-2238.

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Piedmont & South

\$675 SAN LEONARD Sunny, spacious. Near BART, library, shopping area. Laundry. Carpet. Quiet environment. 254-0255.

\$695 ONE bedroom house, great location, walking distance to shopping, Kaiser Hospital and the transportation, minutes away from UC Berkeley. Washer/ dryer, garage, on-site laundry. 431-115. Home 8. SLP 569-7881, ext. 151.

\$800 ONE bedroom hill house, 4770 Tansley, Richmond. Heights above MacArthur, between 1580/13. Appliances, laundry hook-up, dishwasher, carpeting, blinds. Private patio/ yard. Garage. Workshop. Non-smoking. Permanent. No dogs. 510-534-1341.

\$850 COZY cottage, newly renovated, 1 bedroom, 1 bath with separate dining, stove and refrigerator. Lovely garden with trees. Near Miller College (Nezcom). One indoor cat okay with extra deposit. Non-smoking. 1 year lease. Agent (no fee), Doris 783-9801.

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Oakland - Piedmont & So.

\$625 SAN LEONARD Townhouse, fireplace appliances, carpets, patio. 1115 Jefferson St. HMC 654-4854.

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\$1000 APPLIANCES, washer/ dryer, large deck, storage and garage. 3559 Rampart Street. HMC 454-4854.

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\$1100 GLENVIEW. Spacious, sunny 2 bedroom. Yard/ patio. Storage. Garage. San Francisco country. 465-3639, evenings.

\$1100 LAKESHORE District, 1229 Bates Rd. 2+ bedroom. Garage, dining, D. Scott, Broker. (510) 852-0818.

\$1200 MORMON Temple foothills. Coolidge 2 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floor, patio. Available September 3. 527-1804.

\$1350 VERDANT View Montclair. Private, quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath, deck, outdoor jacuzzi. 510-889-5195.

\$1495 PIEDMONT. Bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, laundry, storage, hardwood, garage. Non-smoking. Lease. 510-486-4190.

\$1600 6547 BUENA Vista large 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home with deck, large living, dining, kitchen, rooms. Large garden and patio area. Garage. Available October 1st. 510-655-8993.

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\$1275 THREE bedroom, 1 bath, garage, large yard, fireplace, immaculate, Laurel District. Pets negotiable. 530-8697.

\$1300 THREE bedroom, 1 bath, Mediterranean home near Rose Garden. Fireplace, yard and single car garage. Drive by 719 Jean St. West Management 893-9390.

\$1350 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse, garage, pool, laundry, view. 57 Thousand Oaks, Oakland. 562-4422.

\$1450 GLENVIEW, 3 bedroom/ 2 bath, 2 fireplaces, laundry, garage, easy access to San Francisco. Available September 1. 596-7052/ 530-1891.

\$1450 MONTCLAIR. Three bedroom, 2 bath, vaulted ceiling, hardwoods, deck, family room, laundry, view. 939-1054.

\$1465 LOVELY home on Skyline. Woodsy area, deck, view. 834-9814.

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\$1550 INCLUDES utilities. Three bedroom, 2 bath, yard, pool, creek, 2 offices, garage. Near Mormon temple. Lease option possible. 738-8808.

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Valerie Melissa Jackson, 1650 Amador Street, Apt. C, San Pablo, CA 94806.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 6, 1995.  
The Journal, August 10, 17, 24, 31, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4566  
The Name of the Business:  
Mirvax Entertainment, 1242 Greenway Drive, Richmond, CA 94803.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Richard Robert Lee, 1242 Greenway Drive, Richmond, CA 94803.  
Marcelo Andres Acevedo, 2412 21st Street, San Pablo, CA 94806.  
Frank Michael Gabbert, 2587 Colusa Street, Pinole, CA 94964.  
Michael Dennis Husser, 5861 Ocean View Drive, Oakland, CA 94618.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 2, 1995.  
The Journal, August 10, 17, 24, 31, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4425  
The Name of the Business:  
PMLP Company, 1000 Sunshine Circle, Danville, CA 94506.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Monique T. Binkley, Trustee, 1000 Sunshine Circle, Danville, CA 94506.  
Lauretta F. Muzzo, 504 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.  
This business is conducted by a Business Trust.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 26, 1995.  
The Journal, August 10, 17, 24, 31, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4456  
The Name of the Business:  
The Compuco Depot, 709 Ventura Street, Richmond, CA 94805.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Michelangelo Lucca, 709 Ventura Street, Richmond, CA 94805.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 27, 1995.  
The Journal, August 10, 17, 24, 31, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4082  
The Name of the Business:  
Calico Carpet Cleaners, 928 Savannah Cir., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Conrad Abrahamson, 928 Savannah Cir., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
Marjorie Abrahamson, 928 Savannah Cir., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 11, 1995.  
The Journal, August 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4330  
The Name of the Business:  
Just Because...Flowers & Gifts, 290 Rose Street, Danville, CA 94506.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Yvonne Billings, 1002 Grayson Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 1, 1995.  
The Journal, August 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4473  
The Name of the Business:  
Software Development & Support, 1002 Grayson Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Mark Billings, 1002 Grayson Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 28, 1995.  
The Journal, August 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4422  
The Name of the Business:  
4.0 Systems, 607 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Mia Salaverry, 607 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563.  
Andrew Jay Blumberg, 607 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 26, 1995.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4656  
The Name of the Business:  
Genesco Enterprises, 5568 Pine Hollow Road, Concord, CA 94521.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Eugene Onopko, 5568 Pine Hollow Road, Concord, CA 94521.  
Sylvia C. Onopko, 5568 Pine Hollow Road, Concord, CA 94521.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 7, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4470  
The Name of the Business:  
A.W. Lee DBA Fiber Craft, 4060 Cabrillo Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Aren W. Lee, 4060 Cabrillo Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 28, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4192  
The Name of the Business:  
Computerized Accounting Solutions, 2400 Olympic Blvd., #3, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Karen Mitchell, 115 Tan Oak Dr., Portola Valley, CA 94028.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 17, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4479  
The Name of the Business:  
Scotia Enterprises, 170 Alamo Plaza, Suite F 236, Alamo, CA 94507.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Jane Bark, 1442A Walnut St., Berkeley, CA 94709.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 28, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File No. 95-2552  
The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of Computer Independent Dealer at 60 San Vicente Ct., Danville, CA 94506-3000.  
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on April 27, 1995 in the County of Contra Costa under File Number 95-2552.  
The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner:  
Jeffrey Allen Fritsch, 116 Klamath, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
Signed: Jeffrey A. Fritsch.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 28, 1995.  
The Journal, August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4383  
The Name of the Business:  
Proactive Care, 3625 Springer Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
William Duthier, 3625 Springer Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
Doris Duthier, 3625 Springer Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 25, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4362  
The Name of the Business:  
A1 Traveling Notary, 1804 Walnut Grove Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Linda Jean Miller, 1804 Walnut Grove Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 24, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4553  
The Name of the Business:  
Contra Costa Diablo Industrial Park, 155-A Moffett Park Drive, Suite 240, Sunnyvale, CA 94089.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
RREEF Performance Partnership-L, LP, an Illinois Limited Partnership, San Francisco, CA 94108.  
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 20, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4294  
The Name of the Business:  
RL Sports Services, 773 Crossbrook Dr., P.O. Box 6564, Moraga, CA 94556.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Richard L. Tullis, 773 Crossbrook Dr., Moraga, CA 94556.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 20, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4300  
The Name of the Business:  
Tribal Gatherings, 66 Antelope Court, Clayton, CA 94517.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
John Three Eagles Turnock, 66 Antelope Court, Clayton, CA 94517.  
Neva Kathryn Turnock, 66 Antelope Court, Clayton, CA 94517.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 20, 1995.  
The Journal August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4364  
The Name of the Business:  
Diablo Kol, 215 Portola Drive, Danville, CA 94506.

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is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Darren G. Guilleter, 215 Portola Drive, Danville, CA 94506.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 24, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4296  
The Name of the Business:  
Design Group, 2318 Brighton Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Gina M. Pryzulska, 2318 Brighton Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 20, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4296  
The Name of the Business:  
Nothing Ventured Nothing Gained Investment Club, 21 Viejo Vista, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Darcie A. Gray-Vallada, 21 Viejo Vista, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 20, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4310  
The Name of the Business:  
Littlefoot Day Care, 510 7th Street, Richmond, CA 94801.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Shirley J. Dismuke-Perkins, 510 7th Street, Richmond, CA 94801.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 21, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4407  
The Name of the Business:  
Cole European Land Rover, 2103 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Press On Regardless, Inc., a California Corporation, California.  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 26, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4445  
The Name of the Business:  
Fourth-Way Enterprises, 413 Candleberry Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Paul Christian Hohlt, 413 Candleberry Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 27, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4760  
The Name of the Business:  
Imperial Sounds Production, 391 Shore Road, Bay Point, CA 94565-1343.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Lawrence William Johnson, 391 Shore Road, Bay Point, CA 94565-1343.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 9, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4827  
The Name of the Business:  
Maul Shade Co., 5699 Torrey Pine Ct., Richmond, CA 94803.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
David Joseph Kantler, 5699 Torrey Pine Ct., Richmond, CA 94803.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 14, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4671  
The Name of the Business:  
The Jack Hozack Memorial Collection, 32 Dolores Way, Orinda, CA 94563.  
is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Robert H. Baylis, 32 Dolores Way, Orinda, CA 94563.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 7, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4396  
The Name of the Business:  
Stev Mer, 3556 Millin Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Carl Steven Palumbo, 3556 Millin Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
Joan Rivera Vargas Palumbo, 3556 Millin Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 25, 1995.  
The Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-4684  
The Name of the Business:  
Nation's Giant Hamburgers - No. 21, 8060 Central Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Power & Power Inc./Calif., 11090 San Pablo Ave., Suite 200, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
Power Enterprises, Inc./Calif., 11090 San

# Blotter

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• An attempted vehicle entry was made in the 1400 block of Arlington during the night of Aug. 12; the car's lock was pried. Another attempted forced entry was made in the 1700 block of Liberty Street during the night of Aug. 5.  
• Two Richmond men were arrested for conspiring to commit two thefts from a pickup truck parked in the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue at about 3 a.m. Aug. 18.  
• In acts of vandalism, five windows were broken in a car parked in a lot in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue during the night of Aug. 14, tires were slashed in the 800 block of Elm Street during the night of Aug. 3 and the 500 block of Seaview Drive during

the early morning hours of Aug. 9, and a window was smashed in the 3100 block of Carlson at 8:20 p.m. Aug. 8.  
• Someone broke the driver's window on a car belonging to the California Highway Patrol in the 6000 block of Central Avenue (parking lot) at about 4 a.m. Aug. 17.  
A bus bench was sprayed with paint in the 7200 block of Fairmount at about 1:54 p.m. Aug. 10.  
Someone reported that a golfball, hit from a nearby course, broke a vehicle window in the 1600 block of Arlington Boulevard on the morning of Aug. 13.  
• Three plants were reported stolen from in front of a residence in the 5800 block of El Dorado

Street during the day.  
• A purse was stolen from Carrows restaurant at about 8 a.m. Aug. 8.  
• A Richmond woman was arrested for attempting to return unpaid merchandise to the Emporium August 10.  
• Shoplifters were arrested Payless (two Richmond juveniles), Lucky Plaza (a Berkeley woman), the Emporium (an Oakland woman) and a San Francisco woman at the Emporium August 10.  
FoodsCo (two Richmond women) and a Richmond woman and Target (two Oakland women) at the Emporium August 10.  
• A stereo was lost and found.

# Letters

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personal ideology, and are, therefore, subjected to his attempts to discredit them.  
We have seen the results of this "disagree and you will be destroyed" mindset under the auspices of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Emperor Hirohito. Fortunately, we live in

a country where the right to disagree is protected by our wonderful constitution.  
Mr. Freudenenthal's letter began as his remembrance of the July 26 informational meeting at which the developer who proposes the gigantic theater at the Del Norte "Mayfair" site made his presentation of a slightly scaled-down theater proposal, and at which many citizens articulated their concerns regarding such a project.

He then seizes the opportunity to show his disdain for others' opinions, describing many of the people present at the meeting as "fearful of change, strangers, people of color," "turned off, even terrified by the continuous technological revolution," and "reluctant to confront the problems, issues and promises

of the 21st century."  
Surely, the citizens of Cerrito who came to ask questions and voice legitimate concerns about the potential for increased crime, noise and pollution in their neighborhood, the certain huge increase in traffic, deserve credit for intelligence and not being attacked.  
Instead, Mr. Freudenenthal labels them "fearful of change" for the mere fact that they are persistent leaders of the Cerrito Citizens' Association (are always out to "redeveloment," Mr. Freudenenthal chooses the fact that our city on redevelopment as witnessed by the vote of last November

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Pablo Ave., Suite 200, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
This business is conducted by a Two Corporation Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 8, 1995.  
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## Public Notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
T.S. No. 95041596  
Reference No. 9635076  
Title Order No. 8052429  
APN No. 521-101-014-4  
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/21/90 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.  
ON 09/15/95 AT 10:00 A.M., TROTT & TROTT, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 03/30/90 as Document No. 90 64225 Book 15794 Page 155 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, California, executed by: R. ALEXANDER BLACKWOOD and MARIA BLACKWOOD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustors; IMCO REALTY SERVICES, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, AS GENERAL PARTNER OF, AND NOMINEE ON BEHALF OF IMCO REALTY SERVICES - A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1666 N. MAIN STREET, WALNUT CREEK, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: THE SOUTHWEST 10 FEET (FRONT AND REAR MEASUREMENTS) OF LOT 16 AND ALL OF LOTS 17 AND 18 IN BLOCK 123, AS DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED MAP OF EAST RICHMOND HEIGHTS TRACT NO. 4, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WHICH MAP WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON AUGUST 12, 1912, IN VOLUME E OF MAPS AT PAGE 177.  
The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1511 LAUREL AVE., RICHMOND, CA 94805.  
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trustee created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$198,708.48 Estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale.  
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a Written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording.  
Date: 08/17/95  
TROT & TROT, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION as Trustee  
3000 TELEGRAPH RD., STE 201  
BINGHAM FARMS, MI 48025  
Telephone Number: (810)642-2515  
By: MARCY J. FORD, ATTORNEY AND AGENT  
The El Cerrito Journal August 24, 31, September 7, 1995.

# Fences

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city of Berkeley, a fence, whether in the rear yard can be built or not, any kind of review is one exception; a small area in Berkeley has strictures due to its hilly and narrow roads.  
"We have no residency review," said associate Gisele Sorensen. "This resident could even be a fence using a permit through administrative (affected) neighbors."  
Sorensen added the experience, fence limits four feet are a little for front yard setbacks.  
Staff will come with mission with further future meeting. Philanthropy recommendation to the city council before the year. A change in property approvals should also reduction of fees to

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